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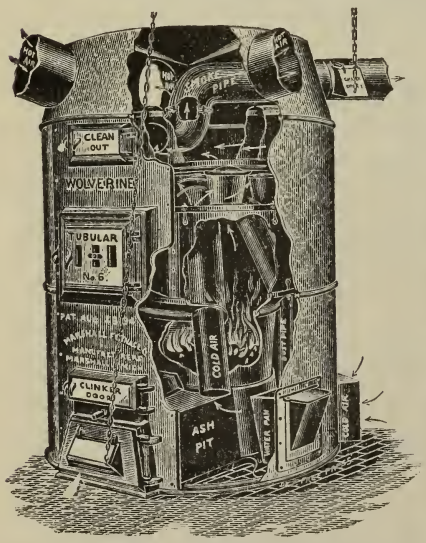

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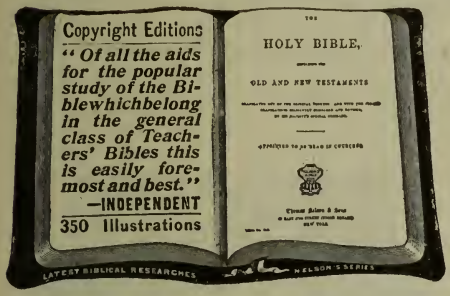

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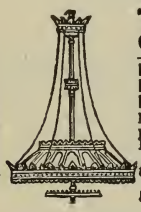

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Time.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
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October 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich.	L. L. Hamline	H. Colclazer.
September 10, 1845	Detroit, Mich.	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
September 23, 1846	Marshall, Mich.	E. S. Janes	H. Colclazer.
September 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich.	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
September 6, 1848	Kalamazoo, Mich.	E. S. Janes	E. H. Pilcher.
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September 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich.	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford.
September 15, 1858	Kalamazoo, Mich.	E. R. Ames	R. C. Crawford.
September 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich.	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford.
September 27, 1860	Ionia, Mich.	M. Simpson	T. H. Sinex.
October 2, 1861	Battle Creek, Mich.	E. R. Ames	T. H. Sinex.
October 1, 1862	Grand Rapids, Mich.	L. Scott	T. H. Sinex.
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Name.	Born.		Died.		Joined Michigan Conference.	Entered Regular Ministry.
	When.	Where.	When.	Where.		
Dan Barnes	1785		Sept. 8, 1840	Brownstown, Mich	1837	Genesee, 1810.
Shadrack Ruark			May 17, 1846	Lawrencevilie, Ill	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1813.
Jonathan E. Chaplin	1789	Chaplin, Conn.	Sept. 15, 1846	White Pigeon, Mich	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1834.
Thos. Fox	May 17, 1817	New York City	Aug. 30, 1847	Northville, "	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Allen Staples	July 15, 1810	Cheshire, Mass	Oct. 20, 1847	Albion, "	1836	" 1836.
Gideon J. Shurtleff	July 9, 1812	Verona, N. Y	Feb. 28, 1849	Richmond, "	1840	" 1840.
Josiah Brakeman			July 19, 1849	Ann Arbor, "	1837	Genesee, 1830.
Octavius Mason	Sept., 1795		Oct. 5, 1850	Burlington, "	1849	" 1834.
George King	Jan. 14, 1816	Newham, England	Oct. 27, 1850	Wayne, "	1838	Michigan, 1838.
John Erkanbrack	April, 1790		May 7, 1852	Bronson, "		1817.
Judson D. Collins	1824	Rose. N. Y	May 12, 1852	Lyndon, "	1845	Michigan, 1845.
Lee McQuigg	1827		Oct. 15, 1853	Shiawassee, "	1850	" 1850.
Nelson Barnum	Jan. 12, 1811	Shoreham, Vt	Aug. 5, 1854		1844	" 1844.
Clark T. Hinman	Aug. 3, 1819		Oct. 21, 1854	Troy, N. Y	1846	Vermont, 1841.
Ransom Goodale	1818	Washington Co., N. Y	Aug. 8, 1855	Farmington, Mich	1848	Michigan, 1848.
J. J. Whitmore	1829	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	Aug. 12, 1855	Bennington, "	1852	" 1852.
Seth B. Finch	1829		March 6, 1857	Osseo, "	1853	" 1853.
George Bignell			Dec. 31, 1858			
John K. Gillet	Feb. 21, 1817	Hopewell, N. Y	June 27, 1860	Grand Rapids, "	1835	Michigan, 1835.
Newland Cleveland		Pennsylvania	May 7, 1862	Shiloh, Tenn	1859	Am. Wesleyan Ch., 1855.
Samuel A. Osborn	1816		May 14, 1862	Tekonsha, Mich	1845	Michigan, 1845.
Wm. C. Comfort			June 15, 1862	Hillsdale, "	1841	" 1841.
Amos Benson			Jan. 16, 1863	Northport, "	1860	" 1860.
Oscar F. Chase	1826		Oct. 17, 1863		1860	
Washington I. Blowers	Jan. 19, 1835	Burlington, N. Y	Jan. 10, 1865	Nashville, Tenn., in army	1862	Michigan, 1862.
Peter Greensky	1807		April 8, 1866	Sun Lake, Mich	1860	" 1860.
Hiram Law	Sept. 4, 1816	Leroy, N. Y	Sept. 9, 1866	Mosherville, "	1841	" 1841.
Joseph Jennings	Jan. 8, 1821	Clarkston, N. Y	May 23, 1867	Battle Creek, "	1842	" 1842.
Elijah Crane	1801	Bethel, Vt	April 23, 1868	Litchfield, "	Orig. mem. 1836	New York, 1822.
A. L. Hoag	1832	Tioga Co., N. Y	Dec. 4, 1869	Woodland "	1862	
David Thomas	1812		Jan. 11, 1870		1840	Michigan, 1840.
Wm. Hott			Sept. 26, 1870			
George Bradley	May 31, 1810	Hopewell, N. Y	April 15, 1871	New York City	1838	Michigan, 1838.
Myron B. Camburn	Nov. 8, 1820		Oct. 17, 1871	Sherman, Mich	1846	" 1846.
Wm. McKnight	April 17, 1815	Rootstown, Ohio	March 28, 1872	Greenbush, "	1850	" 1850.
Wm. Ford	Oct. 28, 1821	Greenville, N. Y	Oct. 21, 1872	Paw Paw, "	1871	Troy, 1842.
Jesse E. McAllister	1824	New Hampshire	Dec. 14, 1872	Litchfield "	1851	Michigan, 1851.
Edgar Beard	Oct. 29, 1830	Connecticut	Mar. 4, 1873	Centreville, "	1858	" 1858.
Rezin Sapp	Feb., 1816	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	May 5, 1873	Grand Rapids, "	1838	" 1838.
Jas. L. Child			Sept. 10, 1873	Denver, Col	1859	F. W. Baptist Church.
Lyman C. Austin	July 3, 1846	Macon, Mich	Dec. 24, 1873	Pewamo, Mich	1869	Michigan, 1869.
George L. Gilbert	1836	Philadelphia, Penn	Sept. 2, 1874	Lyons, "	1868	" 1868.
Wilson Gray	Oct. 1, 1835	Armagh, Ireland	Dec. 19, 1874	San Jose, Cal	1863	" 1863.
Benj. Sabin	March 1, 1790	Thompson, Conn	Feb. 17, 1875	Homer, Mich	1839	New England, 1810.
James E. Bayliss	Sept. 18, 1841	Wales, N. Y	Oct. 5, 1875	Grand Rapids, "	1875	Michigan, 1875.

Nathan Mount	1821	Harrisburg, W. Va.	Feb. 8, 1876	Berrien Springs, Mich.	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Larmon Chatfield		Windham, N. Y.	July 23, 1876	Portland, "	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1835.
Henry Penfield	Nov. 30, 1813	Westmoreland, N. Y.	Jan. 19, 1877	Three Rivers, "	1843	Michigan, 1843.
George B. Jocelyn	Jan. 3, 1824	New Haven, Conn.	Jan. 17, 1877	Albion, "	1869	Indiana, 1843.
James Hulin	Dec. 6, 1830	Startington, Can.	May 9, 1877	Middleville, "	1875	M. E. Church Can., 1856.
David Burns			July 27, 1877	Albion, "	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1833.
Joseph Jones		England	1877	Baltimore, M. D.	1861	Michigan, 1861
Fred M. Deitz		Webster, N. Y.	Sept. 11, 1877	Northport, Mich.	1866	" 1866.
Gilbert A. Phillips	July 14, 1837	Glenn Ross, Ontario	Nov. 4, 1877	Lyons, "	1868	" 1868.
Samuel S. Wilson	July 21, 1835	Hope, Ontario	Jan. 18, 1878	Parkville, "	1869	" 1869.
Thomas Cleghorne	1821	Ogdensburg, N. Y.	Feb. 24, 1878	Casnovia, "	1871	Can. Wesleyan Ch., 1846.
Israel Cogshall	Sept. 22, 1820	Glenville, N. Y.	April 7, 1879	Coldwater, "	1843	Michigan, 1843.
Benj. F. Doughty	Nov. 11, 1824	Schoduck, N. Y.	June 8, 1879	Sturgis, "	1847	" 1847.
Wm. F. Jenkins			Feb. 13, 1879			
Moss I. Smith	Aug. 11, 1826	Ridgefield, Conn.	Oct. 21, 1880	Union City, Mich.	1857	Michigan, 1857.
Wm. M. Ball	May 17, 1845	Dansville, Mich.	Jan. 8, 1881	Parma, "	1868	" 1868.
James W. Robinson	April 20, 1827	Washington, Ohio	Jan. 13, 1881	Hilliards, "	1851	" 1851.
Wm. H. Perrine	Oct. 8, 1827	Lyons, N. Y.	Jan. 22, 1881	Albion, "	1851	" 1851.
E. C. Chambers	1813		March 11, 1881	Victor, "	1854	" 1854.
Henry Worthington	March 12, 1815	Springfield, Mass.	July 10, 1881	Dowagiac, "	1839	Indiana, 1838.
Otis L. Gibson	July 20, 1831	Pomfret, Vt.	Nov. 14, 1881	Otsego, "	1881	E. Genesee, 1858.
Daniel D. Gillet	Dec. 21, 1818	Hopewell, N. Y.	May 6, 1882	Hillsboro, Dakota	1854	Michigan, 1854.
Amos T. Gray	Aug. 1, 1838	Mercer Co., Pa.	May 17, 1882	Fowlerville, Mich.	1867	Wes. Meth. Ch., 1863.
Alvan Billings	Sept. 25, 1802	Conway, Mass.	July 6, 1882	Marquette, "	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1828.
Wm. Bronson	April 12, 1822		Feb. 22, 1883	Irving, "	1869	E. Genesee, 1852.
Joseph Greenstead	March 10, 1855	Chatham, England	June 5, 1883	Litchfield, "	1877	Michigan, 1877.
Jeremy Boynton	Sept. 20, 1824	Evansville, N. Y.	Sept., 1883	Stanton, "	1845	" 1845.
Valmore G. Boynton	Jan. 22, 1818	Leroy, N. Y.	Oct. 12, 1883	Mattawan "	1844	" 1844.
Wm. E. Newlon	June 27, 1848	Allegheny Co., Pa	July 11, 1884	Jackson, "	1875	" 1875.
Francis D. Hemenway	Nov. 10, 1830	Chelsea, Vt.	April 19, 1884	Evanston, Ill.	1861	Vermont, 1854.
Thos. J. Congdon	Jan. 10, 1825	Coburg, Canada	Feb. 5, 1884	Los Gatos, Cal	1855	Michigan, 1855.
Horace Hall	Feb. 26, 1819	Middlebury, N. Y.	Mar. 14, 1884	Niles, Mich.	1842	" 1842.
W. W. Elder	Jan. 30, 1843	Rockport, Ind.	May 11, 1884	Valparaiso, Ind.	1878	N. Y. East, 1870.
Wm. Doust	Feb. 22, 1828	Kent Co., England	May 20, 1885	Paw Paw, Mich.	1855	Michigan, 1855.
Wallace S. Foster	Oct. 9, 1851	Alexandria, N. Y.	Aug. 31, 1885	Osseo, "	1882	" 1882.
A. L. Crittenden	Nov. 14, 1814	Walworth, N. Y.	Oct. 21, 1885	Howell, "	1854	" 1854.
Noah Fassett		Shelby, N. Y.	Nov. 7, 1885	Eaton Rapids, "	1847	" 1847.
Franklin Gage	Sept. 13, 1815	Vergennes, Vt.	Jan. 1, 1886	Colon, "	1840	Indiana, 1838.
Andrew J. Van Wyck	April, 1836		Jan. 10, 1886	Casnovia, "	1857	Michigan, 1857.
Stephen Nelson	Feb. 7, 1837	Yarm, England	July 3, 1886	Elsie, "	1880	" 1880.
Henry M. Joy			Sept. 30, 1886	Greencastle, Ind.	1859	" 1859.
Elijah H. Dissette	April 11, 1848	Portsmouth, Ontario	Nov. 13, 1886	Nashville, Mich.	1883	N. Ohio, 1872.
Andrew M. Fitch	March 15, 1815	Cherry Valley, N. Y.	Jan. 8, 1887	Albion, "	1836	Michigan, 1836.
James P. Force	July 14, 1831	Aurora, N. Y.	May 26, 1887	Keelerville, "	1868	N. Indiana, 1860.
James T. Robe	April 12, 1807	Woodbridge, N. J	Jan. 31, 1888	Kalamazoo, "	1833	Illinois, 1832.
Isaac Taylor	July 30, 1823	Chatham, Canada	Oct. 3, 1888	Dawson, Dakota	1849	Michigan, 1849.
Carmi C. Olds	March 21, 1815	Grandville, N. Y.	Nov. 22, 1888	Lansing, Mich.	1850	Rock River, 1848.
John C. Ambrose	Sept. 1, 1848	Piqua, Ohio	Dec. 15, 1888	Jackson Creek, Nev.	1884	Cincinnati, 1872.
Jas. H. Richards	Sept. 16, 1835	Michigan	Dec. 30, 1888	South Haven, Mich.	1864	Michigan, 1864.
Frank L. McCoy	1855	Ireland	Feb. 13, 1889	Calcutta, India	1877	" 1877.
Wm. M. Coplin	April 5, 1828	Ira, N. Y.	Aug. 15, 1889	Jackson, Mich.	1856	" 1856.
Geo. W. Hoag	May 13, 1822	Charlotte, Vt.	May 16, 1890	Albion, "	1847	Cumberl'd Pres. Ch., 1843.
Newland M. Steele	Feb. 24, 1836	New Britain, Conn.	May 17, 1890	Harrison, "	1858	Michigan, 1858.
John B. Knott	July 29, 1843	Toronto, Canada	June 16, 1890	Berlin, Mich.	1879	M. E. Ch. of Canada, 1858.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.—Concluded.

Name.	Born.		Died.		Joined Michigan Conference.	Entered Regular Ministry.
	When.	Where.	When.	Where.		
Gould E. Matthews	Dec. 29, 1844	Freeport, Ohio	Aug. 16, 1890	Nashville, Mich	1885	Michigan, 1885.
Wm. J. Aldrich	June 7, 1836	Brunswick, Ohio	Sept. 23, 1890	Muskegon, "	1865	" 1885.
Geo. C. Elliott	May 23, 1815	Florida, N. Y.	Oct. 23, 1890	Dowagiac, "	1868	Oneida, 1843.
Joseph T. Iddings	July 24, 1829	Dayton, Ohio	April 12, 1891	Albion, "	1870	N. Indiana, 1863.
Wm. Jennings	Nov. 20, 1851	Halestown, England	March 26, 1891	Augusta, "	1887	Newfoundland, 1874.
Francis B. Bangs	March 23, 1819	Stafford, N. Y.	May 20, 1891	Eaton Rapids, Mich	1840	Michigan, 1840.
Chas. Chick	Jan. 20, 1883	Goudhurst, England	Aug. 2, 1891	Whitehall, "	1857	" 1856.
George A. Van Horne	Aug. 5, 1815	Sussex Co., N, Y	Sept. 11, 1891	Plainwell, "	1858	Newark, 1856.
Wm. H. Brockway	Feb. 24, 1813	Vermont	Oct. 21, 1891	Albion, "	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1834.
Isaac Bennett	April 22, 1810	Ross, Ohio	Feb. 20, 1892	Quincy, "	Orig. mem. 1836	Michigan, 1836.
Harrison Morgan	Aug. 14, 1814	Turin, N. Y.	Aug. 2, 1892	Lakeside, "	1845	" 1878.
Grosvenor Daniels	Nov. 2, 1850	Birmingham, Mich.	Aug. 9, 1892	Denver, Col.	1878	" 1878.
James Roberts	April 7, 1838	Sharon, Mich.	Dec. 6, 1892	Albion, Mich	1863	" 1863.
Ira R. A. Wightman	March 30, 1836	Trenton, N. Y	Dec. 10, 1892	" "	1863	" 1863.
Irvin E. Robinson	Dec. 18, 1865	Sodus, N. Y.	Dec. 26, 1892	Fairbury, Neb.	1891	" 1891, probation
Augustus H. Gillett	Oct. 8, 1848	Dexter, Mich.	Jan. 1, 1893	DeFuniak Springs, Fla	1871	" 1871.
James W. Reid	April 7, 1837	Machias, Maine	Jan. 21, 1893	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1868	" 1868.
S. C. Woodard	June 17, 1819	Cohocton, N. Y.	July 30, 1893	Ovid, "	1841	" 1841.
Warren P. Clark	Jan. 28, 1871	Nottawa Prairie, Mich	April 10, 1893	Nottawa Prairie, "	1891	.....
M. W. F. Smith	June 22, 1847	Magnolia, Ill.	Sept. 17, 1893	Potterville, "	1878	Iowa, 1876.
Stephen M. Merritt	May 6, 1826	Western N. Y.	Nov. 20, 1893	Coldwater, "	1872	East Genesee, 1856.
Francis Glass	April 25, 1812	Creve, Ireland	Dec. 11, 1893	Grand Rapids, "	1848	English, 1840.
Asahel C. Beach	May 1, 1822	Hamilton, N. Y.	Dec. 25, 1893	Belding, "	1854	Michigan, 1854.
Abraham H. Yokom	July 10, 1848	Newaygo, Canada	Feb. 18, 1894	Byron Centre, "	1889	West Wisconsin, 1884.
Elisha Marble	May 25, 1822	Adams, N. Y.	March 29, 1894	Harbor Springs, "	1851	Michigan, 1851.
Eri H. Day	June 15, 1818	Springwater, N. Y.	March 31, 1894	Cadillac, "	1845	" 1845.
Oresta S. Paddock	Aug. 31, 1849	Boylston, N. Y.	May 28, 1894	Hanover, "	1878	" 1878.
Samuel D. McKee	Sept. 7, 1847	Erin, Ontario	Nov. 17, 1894	Climax, "	1878	" 1878.
Samuel Kitzmiller	Nov. 16, 1832	Gettysburg, Pa.	Jan. 8, 1896	Kalamazoo, "	1873	Detroit, 1866.
John M. Reid	May 30, 1820	New York City	May 16, 1896	New York City	1868	New York, 1844.
John Clubine	Sept. 14, 1828	West Moreland, Pa	June 13, 1896	Mosherville, Mich	1855	Michigan, 1855.
A. A. Rolfe	April 6, 1835	Aldin, N. Y	Dec. 7, 1896	Los Angeles, Cal.	1863	" 1863.
J. W. Cawthorne	Dec. 17, 1822	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng.	Nov. 18, 1896	Millbrook, Mich	1854	" 1854.
Aaron Hunsberger	April 11, 1824	Bayham, Ontario	May 26, 1897	Calumet, "	1869	" 1869.
F. N. Janes	Jan. 27, 1845	Homer, Mich.	Jan. 3, 1897	Middleville, "	1873	" 1873.

CONFERENCE ROLL

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS AND SUPPLIES.

The Secretary desires to have this roll correct, but without the help of the Members it is impossible. Supernumeraries, Superannuates, Members who are in other than pastoral work, those "Left without appointment to attend school," and all whose postoffice address is different from the name or first name of their appointment, should communicate any change of address to the Secretary. If this is done immediately after the adjournment of Conference, the correction will be made in the new issue of the minutes. If this is not done, the Secretary can do no better than to print the old address. Please notify the Secretary of any errors in the initials or spelling of names.

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	Allen, James	Norwood
	Anderson, Clinton H.	Allen
	Armstrong, E. A.	Jackson
	Aylesworth, Wm. W.	Kinderhook
S	Bacon, E. D. 286 8th Ave	Grand Rapids
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S	Barnes, G S.	Petoskey
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N	Barrett, Wright	Kalamazoo
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	Bennett, J. H.	Three Oaks
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	Brown, Geo. A.	White Pigeon
	Brown, N. P.	East Springport
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	Buell, J. W.	Prairieville
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	Chase, J. C.	Morley
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	Coors, A. H.	Vicksburg
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	Howe, G. W.	Ransom
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	Robinson, G. S.	Reed City..
4	Robinson, Wm. A.	Albion
N	Rood, H. H.	Turner, Ill.
	Rood, H. L	Evanston, Ill.
S	Rork, W. W.	Agnew
	Rowland, W. D.	Harrison
3	Ruoff, Jacob L.	Sherwood
	Sevits, L. A.	Camden
	Sheeban, J. W.	Tekonsha
S	Sherman, G. W. 961 Griggs Ave.,	Grand Rapids
	Shier, Richard	Grand Haven
	Sincleir, E. L.	Shelby
3	Simmons, Arthur W.	Breckenridge
	Skinner, I. H.	Okemos
	Skinner, H. D.	Perrinton
	Slee, Robert, J.	Montague
	Smith, Albert	Leslie
N	Smith, B. W.	Bijou Hills, S. Dakota
	Smith, C. W.	Wesley
	Snyder, Sanford	Ravenna
	Sprague, J. A.	Springport
	Stacey, W. H.	Mendon
S	Stark, J. K.	Midland
S	Steele, Salmon	Northport
N	Steffe, J. W.	Montague
	Stephens, A. A.	Bath
S	Stevens, E. G	Cranesville. .. Pa.
	Stewart, A. K	Sebewa
	Stinchcomb, W. R	Lake View
	Strickland, S. C	Homer
	Sturgis, A. H.	Ludington
S	Swift, W. J.	Lansing
N	Taft, H. S.	Marysville, Mont.
S	Tallman, I. B.	Watervliet
	Tanner, E. A.	Byron Center
S	Tanner, J. H.	Big Rapids
	Taylor, W. A.	Grand Ledge
	Tench Edwin	Marengo
	Thomas, C. G	Kalamazoo
4	Thomas, Louis L.	Evanston, Ill.
	Thompson, F. L.	Lansing
	Thompson, H. W.	Colon
	Thompson, W. H.	Meadville, Pa.
	Tindall, R. W.	Ashton
	Tiney, S. C.	Stittsville
S	Treadgold, Elight	Luther
	Trewin, Samuel	Parkville
	Trott. Arthur	Lake Odessa
3	Tubbs, Chauncey D.	Evanston Ill.
	Tuthill, G. W.	Centreville
	Tuttle, Nelson S.	Gobleville
	Tullar, Edgar C.	Waterbury, Conn.
	Upton. Jay C.	Jackson
	Urch, W. H. B.	Ionia
	Valentine, J. S.	Eutrican.
	Van Antwerp, C. T.	Fulton
	Van DeWalker, F. A.	Greenville
	Van Schoick, R. W.	Coldwater
	Varion, George	Lake City
	Varnum, C. A.	Litchfield
	Vickers, J. W.	Reading
S	Wakefield, Amos	Middleville
	Wallace, I. W.	Wheatland
S	Ward, D. M.	Farmington
	Watkins, O. D.	Williamsburg
S	Webster, James	Albion
4	Weeks, George W.	McBain
S	Welch, R C. 124 Dearborn Ave.,	Chicago, Ill.
	Welch, C. M.	Sheridan
	Weldon, I. T.	Bangor
3	Wesbrook, James H.	Bowne
	Wheeler, Clark S.	Grand Rapids
	Wheeler, A. J.	Coloma
	White, Joshua	Galesburg
S	White, J. E.	Middleville, Barry Co.
	White, J. W.	South Butler
4	Whitman, Prentice E.	Northport
S	Whitman, B. H.	Charlevoix
N	Wightman, O. E.	Newaygo
N	Wigle, Eli	Grand Rapids
	Wilcox, J. H.	Osbtemo
	Wilks, Joseph	Provo, Utah
	Williams, A. S.	Lawton
	Wilson, Isaiah	Marshall
	Wilson, W. J.	Nashville

	Name.	Postoffice.
	Wood, E. W.	Stanwood
S	Woodard, D. C.	Ovid
4	Woodlock, Alfred L	Pentwater
	Wooton, Ralph	Shepardsville
	Wright, John M	North Muskegon
	Wright, R. A	Mt. Pleasant
4	Wright, Wm. H	Saranac
3	Yost, Richard E	South Boardman
S	Young, E. D , 124 N. Mich. Ave.,	Battle Creek
	Young, Thos	Duplain
S	Younglove, W. N	Parkville
4	Zedler, John	Bronson

PROBATIONERS.

Name.	Postoffice.
Biery, John G	Pittsford
Bird, John D	Utah
Boone, Thomas	Caledonia
Carman, Albert E	Caldwell
Cartland, Albert T	Danby
Davis, Edwin W	Edmore
DeLong, John S	Coleman
Harris, Harley H	Alanson
Irwin, Samuel	Keeler
Johnson, Wm. A	
Keene, Charles L	Galien
Kendrick, Wm. F	Battle Creek
Kirby J. Edward	Burlington
Lee, David R	Robinson
Manning, Lewis H	
McComb Alfred H	Clarion
Mullen, Mathew Heck Hall,	Evanston, Ill.
Mumford, Arthur W	Sherwood
Meader, Robert E	Augusta
Phillips James G	Berlin
Rochelle, James W	Vergennes
Reusch, Wm. E	Traverse City
Silverthorn, Bert A	Liberty
Slee, Wm. W	Newaygo
Wylie, Herbert E	Elm Hall
Youngs, Benson J	Ashley

SUPPLIES.

Name.	Postoffice.
Allen, W. W	Banfield
Batterbee, R	Central Lake
Brooks, A. M	Delton
Bryan, Fred J	Kewadin
Burt, E	Boone
Burge, J	Bear Lake
Barnes, G. W	Copemish
Carpenter, L. B	Cross Village
Darling, A. A	Wexford
Dysinger, I. H	Jackson
Galloway, C. W	East Jordan
Haring, E E	Ada
Hayward, J. W	Kingsley
Hutchinson, O. P	Benton Harbor
Jacobs, John	Kewadin
Johnson, A. B	Elmdale
Kendall, N	Empire
Knapp, J F	South Butler
Massey, W. J	Millbrook
McMillan, E. W	Freesoil
Mershon, J. L	Mackinaw City
Minor, Frank N	Montgomery
Westover, J. M	North Muskegon
Marshall, C. W	Wayland
Parsons, A. C	Stanton
Rickard, F H	Ironton
Riggs, W. M. D	Inland
Rood, R A	Berlin Centre
Smith, H. W	Old Mission
Ward, I. T	Levering
Ware, H. W	Bankers
Youngblood, L. D	East Port
Walker, H E	Barryton
Manning, W. P	Cadillac
Day, G. B	Calkinsville
Woodmansee, F. M	Clare
Lent, J. W	Crystal Valley
Bulman, Ora F	Leaton
Hayward, Charles	Marion
Walker, M. S	Middle Branch
Cornelius, J. H	Paris
Clutterbuck, J. G	Stetson
Blake, F. A.	Woodville
Hawley, A. E	Penona
Holcomb, W. H	Canonsburg
Brownell, M. J	Hesperia
Kruse, C. J	Holton

CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. The Conference shall meet at 8:30 a. m., spending 30 minutes in devotional exercises and adjourn at 12 m., but may alter the time of meeting at their discretion.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by devotional exercises including reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary or any member requests it.

6. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

7. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

8. When a motion, resolution or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

9. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motion shall have precedence in the order named, viz.: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment or substitute.

10. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

11. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

12. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reasons excuse him.

13. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President,

14. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

15. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

16 It shall be in order to move that the question shall be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases where character or conference relations are involved, and if sustained by a two-thirds vote, the question shall be so taken.

CONFERENCE RULES.

RULE 1. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

2. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the Conference proceedings which he shall cause to be published in the annual minutes, and, when so published, it shall be the official journal of this Conference. He shall edit the minutes and all memoirs, and shall make contracts for the publication thereof for the next ensuing annual Conference. He shall have charge of the journal and Conference files, and forward them to the seat of the next annual Conference. He shall cause to be deposited with the librarian of Albion college the ancient documents of this Conference.

3. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the commitee on publication of the minutes, otherwise the committee on publication is not required to insert such reports in the minutes.

4. All canidates for readmission, for admission on trial, and for admission on credentials from other churches, shall be required to appear before the committee on Conference Relations.

5. All persons while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below seven, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the deficient reading; and the chairman of the examining committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party. All examining committees shall mark candidates upon a scale running from one to ten.

6. A member of the Conference accused of offenses against the law and discipline of the church, is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

7. Conference visitors shall be allowed fifteen minutes in which to address the Conference. Presiding Elders' Reports shall be limited to ten minutes, and reports of committees, except the Board of Stewards, to five minutes.

8. In the distribution of Conference Claimants' Funds, the action of the Board of Stewards shall be final.

9. The Stewards shall give a general report of their work to the Conference; and shall furnish the Conference Secretary, for publication in the minutes, answers to disciplinary questions Numbers 27 and 28.

10. The Stewards shall announce the time and place that allowances may be received by claimants. Allowances not called for personally shall be sent to claimants by mail or authorized messenger.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1897.

Michigan Annual Conference met in its Sixty-second Session in the First M. E. Church, Kalamazoo, at 8:30 a. m., Sept. 15, 1897. Bishop J. H Vincent announced the hymn beginning: "Let every mortal ear attend." After the hymn the Bishop led in prayer. He also read a scriptural lesson from the twenty-second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke and made remarks introductory and preparatory to the Holy Communion, which was then administered by the Bishop assisted by the Presiding Elders.

ROLL CALL.—The Bishop called the Conference to order for business and P. J. Maveety, Secretary of the last session, called the roll. The following members were reported present:

Henry Abraham, Levi Aler, James Allen, Clinton H. Anderson, E. A. Armstrong, Wm. W, Aylesworth, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, N. M. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart, Wright Barrett, Wm. L. Barth, J. C. Beach, J. H. Bennett, Corbon P. Birdsey, Louis Blanchett, N. L. Bray, R. H. Bready, J. A. Bready, N. L. Brockway, Chas, A. Brown, C. F. Brown, George A. Brown, N. P. Brown, J. I. Buell, G. A. Buell, George Bullen, A. W. Burns, L. W, Calkins. M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, A. O. Carman, M. D. Carrell, H. C. Chamberlain, F. A. Chapman, G. D. Chase, W. H. Choate, W. I. Cogshall, A. H. Coors, F. W. Corbett, A. E. Craig, Geo. F. Craig, J. G. Crozier, J. W. Davids, J. N. Dayton, J. A. DeGraff, Louis DeLamarter, William Denman, J. C. Dietrick, W. W. Divine, John Dobson, Geo. Donaldson, W. J. Douglass, G. C. Draper, J. P. Durham Wellington Earle, C. W. East, A. J. Eldred, A. N. Eldred, J. H. Emmons, Wm. A. Exner, Geo. K. Fairbanks, J. C. Floyd, H. H. Ford, John W. Foy, F. J. Freeman, W. P. French, W. A. Frye, T. T. George, N. E. Gibbs, Wm. F. Glass, G. W. Gosling, A. M. Gould, John Graham, D. A. Green, L. J. Griffin, Arthur M. Griffith, Jehiel Gulick, J. W. Hallenbeck, James Hamilton, A. F. Hart, J. W. Hart, W. J. Hathaway, H, R. Hawley,

Willard Heath, S. P. Hewitt, Wm. L. Holmes, Samuel I. Horr, G. W. Howe, John Hoyt, Paul D. Huff, T. H. Jacokes, C. A. Jacokes, John C. Jewell, Wm. Judd, E. L. Kellogg, L. B. Kenyon, George Killeen, D. D. King, John Klose, A. A. Knappen, Geo. B. Kulp, W. W. Lamport, Elisha W. Laing, W. L. Laufman, L. E. Lennox, E. G. Lewis, M. F. Loomis, Luther E. Lovejoy, O. R. Lovejoy, A. T. Luther, Eden R. Lyon, N. D. Marsh, Levi Master, E. O. Mather, L. S. Mathews, P. J. Maveety. Geo. W. Maxwell, Jos. P. McCarthy, John W. McDougall, R. S. McGregor, Charles M. Merrill, Jacob Messner, R. N. Middleton, Hale H. Miller, W. H. Moore, Arthur P. Morris, W. P. Mosher, G. L. Mount, A. F. Nagler, Charles Nease, J. C. Newcomer, E. F. Newell, A. D. Newton, F. L. Niles, G. A. Odlum, Willard E. Ogden, J. F. Orwick, B. E. Paddock, Chas. H. Palmatier, D. W. Parsons, W. H. Parsons, L. N. Pattison, Joseph B. Peatling, Richard Pengelly, O. H. Perry, J. F. Peschman, J. B. Pinckard, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Potts, Herbert L. Potter, B. S. Pratt, W. A. Prouty, W. M. Puffer, J. W. Rawlinson, David E. Reed, Loren P. Richtmyer, Thomas Riley, G. S. Robinson, H. H. Rood, W. D. Rowland, L. A. Sevits, Richard Shier, E. L. Sincleir, I. H. Skinner, H. D. Skinner, Robert J. Slee, Albert Smith, C. W. Smith, W. H. Stacey, J. K. Stark, Salmon Steele, J. W. Steffe, A. A. Stephens, A. K. Stewart, W. R. Stinchcomb, S. C, Strickland, E. A. Tanner, W. A. Taylor. Edwin Tench, C. G. Thomas, F. L. Thompson, R. W. Tindall, Samuel Trewin, G. W. Tuthill, Nelson S. Tuttle, Jay C. Upton, J. S. Valentine, C. T. Van Antwerp, F. A. Van DeWalker, R. W. Van Schoick, George Varion, C. A. Varnum, J. W. Vickers, Amos Wakefield, C. M. Welch, I. T. Weldon, James H. Wesbrook. Clark S. Wheeler, A. J. Wheeler, Joshua White, Prentice E. Whitman, A. S. Williams, Isaiah Wilson, W. J. Wilson. E. W. Wood, Ralph Wooton, R. A. Wright, Wm. H. Wright, Thos. Young, W. N. Younglove John Zedler.

The following probationers were also reported as present:

Probationers Present.—Willard Aldrich, Thomas Boone, Frederick M. Cosner, Edwin W. Davis, Ralph T. Flewelling, Charles L. Keene. Hugh Kennedy, William H. Phelps, Henry R, E. Quant, J. William Slee, Herbert E. Wylie, Richard E. Yost, Albert E. Carman, John S. DeLong, William A. Johnson, William F. Kendrick, J. Edward Kirby, Moses E. Reusch, James W. Rochelle, Bert A. Silverthorn.

Deceased.—The following were reported deceased: Aaron Hunsberger, F. N, Janes, A. A. Rolfe, J. W. Cawthorne.

Secretaries.—On motion of Levi Master, P. J. Maveety was elected Secretary by acclamation and upon his nomination the following were elected assistant Secretaries: M. M. Callen, C. W. East, A. T. Luther and Arthur Trott.

Charles Nease moved that H. L. Potter be elected Statistical Secretary

by acclamation. The motion was carried and he nominated the following as his assistants and they were elected:

Albion District: O. H. Perry, , D. D. King.
Big Rapids District: A. F. Nagler, A. H. Coors.
Coldwater District: J. B. Pinckard, L. A. Sevits.
Grand Rapids District: Geo. A. Odlum. J. H. Bennett.
Grand Traverse District: J. A. De Graff, G. S. Robinson.
Ionia District: C. M. Welch, W. J. Wilson.
Kalamazoo District: J. B. Peatling, C. M. Merrill.
Lansing District: F. L. Niles.
Niles District: W. J. Douglass. I. T. Weldon.

TREASURERS.—On motion of J. F. Orwick, G. L. Mount was elected Treasurer.

On motion of L. E. Lennox, the bar of the Conference was fixed at the farther side of the fourth window.

G. W. Gosling moved the adoption of the "Conference rules of order" and the "Conference rules" as printed in the minutes of the last session.

L. Master moved an amendment to Rule 1 of the "Conference rules of order," making the hour for the morning session 8:30 Standard time. The amendment prevailed and the motion as amended was adopted.

COMMITTEES.—On motion of T. H. Jacokes, the list of committees nominated at the last session of the Conference was called and the Committes appointed as follows:

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—W. R. Stinchcomb, James Webster, J. W. Hallenbeck, C. A. Jacokes, Wm. Judd, J. N. Dayton, James Hamilton, A. T. Ferguson, A. D. Newton, Louis Grosenbaugh, A. P. Moors, D. D. Martin.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—Auditing—J. C. Beach, W. L. Laufman A. F. Nagler.

Book Concern Accounts: E. A. Armstrong, J. S. Valentine, George Varion.

Bible Cause: F. W. Corbett, J. B. Pinckard, Wm. Slee.

Conference Claimants: Delos Cronk, Uri Mason, W. J. Douglass, C. T. Van Antwerp, Geo. Killeen.

Conference Relations: C. L. Barnhart, W. L. Laufman, G. W. Howe, C. A. Jacokes, R. S. McGregor.

Church Extension: Conference Church Extension Society officers.

Delegates to Fraternal Bodies: Pastors in cities where fraternal bodies meet.

District Conference Records: W. H. Wright, F. A. Van DeWalker, J. B. Peatling.

Education: D. F. Barnes, J. W. McAllister, W. P. French.

Epworth League: W. P. Mosher, C. A. Varnum, O. R. Lovejoy.

Memorials: N. L. Bray, Salmon Steele, D. W. Parsons.

Publication of Minutes: Secretary and Statistician.

Periodicals: W. J. Hathaway, J. A. DeGraff, A. K. Stewart.

Revival Band: T. T. George, M. F. Loomis, A. O. Carman.

Public Worship: Presiding Elder and Pastors where conference is held.

Sunday School and Tracts: Geo. Killeen, H L. Potter, Edwin. Tench.

State of the Church: A. J. Eldred, A. H. Coors, J. W, Hart, J. H. Bennett, James Allen.

Temperance: J. F. Orwick, L. N. Pattison, F. L. Niles, G. C. Draper, G, W. Tuthill.

Woman's Work in the Church: S. C. Strickland, A. H. Sturgis, Joshua White.

P. J. Maveety moved that the last clause of Rule 1 of the "Conference rules of order:" "and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 a. m.," be stricken out, and the motion prevailed.

THE 13th QUESTION.—"Was the Character of each preacher examined?" was taken up and the following Presiding Elders were called and their Characters were passed: Jno. Graham, L. E. Lennox, R. W. Van Shoick, W. I. Cogshall, E. L. Kellogg, J. I. Buell, L. Master, W. M. Puffer and J. W. H. Carlisle.

O. E. WIGHTMAN.—W. I. Cogshall reported that complaints had come to him against O. E. Wightman for irregularities in business transactions and that at the proper time he would move a committee of inquiry.

W. W. DIVINE.—J. W. H. Carlisle also gave notice that there were complaints against W. W. Divine and that he would also at the proper time move a Committee of inquiry.

The following Presiding Elders reported their districts: John Graham, Albion; L. E. Lennox, Big Rapids; R. W. Van Schoick, Coldwater; and W. I, Cogshall, Grand Rapids.

TRANSFERS.—The Bishop announced the following transfers to the Michigan Conference: J. C. Dorris from Oklahoma Conference, and Addis Albro from the New York East Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS.—The following were introduced to the conference: C. J. Hudson, North Indiana Conference; C. G. Little, President of Garrett Biblical Institute; C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education; and G. K. Morris, Professor in Boston School of Theology.

Drs Payne and Morris addressed the conference on behalf of their respective interests.

REDUCTION OF DISTRICTS.—The Bishop presented for consideration the reduction of the number of Districts and after stating the reasons, for and against, as they had been furnished him, asked the effective Elders present to express their opinions by secret ballot placed in the Bishop's hands.

VISITORS.—The following visitors were presented to the Conference: Rev. J. A. Luxem, pastor of the Reforned church; Rev. E. W. Sablekamp, First Reformed church: Rev. J. P. Courtney, United Presbyterian; Rev. J. I. Hill of the African M. E. church; all of Kalamazoo.

The following brethren were excused from attendance: H. L. Potter, C. G. Thomas and I. H. Skinner.

Rev. L. DeLamarter read a communication inviting the Conference to visit the State Insane Asylum of Kalamazoo.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.—Henry Abraham, S. C. Strickland, J. White Geo. Killeen, I. Wilson were appointed as a committee of inquiry in the cases of O. E. Wightman, W. W. Divine and J. M. Wright.

On nomination of G. L. Mount, O. H. Perry and John C. Beach were elected assistant treasurers.

A. C. Chamberlain was appointed to secure subscriptions for the "Gospel In All Lands". Communications were refered to the various Committees, announcements made, and the Conference adjourned by expiration of time, Dr. C. H. Payne pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16th.

The Conference was called to order at 8:30 o'clock.

Hymn No. 297 was sung.

After an invocation the Bishop gave an exposition of 1 Tim. 1: 1-17.

Bishop Bowman led in prayer.

The journal was read and approved.

TRANSFER.—The transfer to this Conference of J. H. Wilcox from the North Nebraska Conference was announced.

On motion of M. D. Carrell the proposition to amend the Constitution was made a special order for Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Treasurer and statistical Secretary called the list of those not having made reports.

HOMER EATON, one of the publishing agents of the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and answered some questions.

BISHOP BOWMAN was introduced and was received with cordial greetings.

REFERRED TO STEWARDS.—On motion of A. J. Eldred the action of the Board of Stewards was made final in all cases.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, Mrs. F. N. Janes and Mrs. J. W. Cawthorne were referred to the Board of Stewards with a request for claims this year.

On motion of James Hamilton like action was taken in the case of Mrs. A. A Rolfe.

On motion of John Graham, Mrs. A. Hunsberger was also referred to the Board of Stewards with recommendations for a claim.

On motion of Levi Master, James Webster was referred to the Board of Stewards with recommendation for a claim this year.

REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—A. E. Craig moved that all cases involving a change in Conference relations be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, which motion prevailed.

The Secretary having read a communication from D. C. Riehl, he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, and on motion of G. W. Gosling was also referred to the Board of Stewards with a recommendation for a claim this year.

On motion of John Graham, Wm. Denman was substituted for James Webster on the Board of Stewards.

ABSENTEES CALLED.—The Secretary called the roll of absentees, and the following responded to their names:

J. W. Buell, Adam Clark, J. C. Cook, Thomas Cox, DeLos Cronk,

Irving Eagle, L. W. Earl, W. I. Elmer, A. T. Ferguson, J. E. Foote, O. J. Golden, L. Grosenbaugh, F. W. Haist, J. J. Hartley, D. S. Haviland, G. S. Hickey, A. R. Keillor, A. E. Ketcham, Thos. H. Leamon, Uri Mason, A. P. Moors, D. D. Martin, J. W. McAllister, G. W. Sherman, S. Snyder, H. W. Thompson, A. Trott, I. W. Wallace, J. E. White, A. L. Woodlock, J. W. Sheehan, C. W. Smith, A. H. Sturgis, S. C. Tiney, W. H. B. Urch, Geo. W. Weeks, Eli Wigle.

The following probationers also answered to their names:

Clarence E. Deal, Thos. Laity, Geo. R. Millard, Mathew Mullen, Arthur W. Simmons.

On motion of C. W. East, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Transfers In and Out.—J. G. Crozier offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that it is the sense of this Conference that we most respectfully request the presiding Bishops not to transfer into this Conference any man unless an exchange can be so effected as to maintain an equality of appointments.

J. G. Crozier, W. A. Frye, D. F. Barnes,, J. W. Hallenbeck, W. I. Cogshall, J. C. Floyd, . M. D. Carrell, A. E. Craig, Wm. Denman, N. L. Bray, M. M. Callen, P. J. Maveety, J. H. Potts, John Graham.

Presentation.—J. I. Buell read his report as Presiding Elder of the Ionia District, at the close of which A. P. Moors in a few well chosen words presented him with a copy of the Standard Dictionary and a stand for the same, as an expression of the esteem in which he is held by the preachers of the District.

Bro. Buell accepted the same in a kindly response.

Levi Master read his report as Presiding Elder of the Kalamazoo District.

Presentation.—L. N. Pattison in behalf of the preachers of the District in a felicitous address presented Bro. Master and wife with an elegant silver tea service.

Bro. Master feelingly responded accepting this testimonial for himself and Mrs. Master.

Donation From Methodist Pub. Co.—J. H. Potts, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, was introduced and addressed the Conference and presented the check of the Methodist Publishing Company for $2116.25 with the request of the Methodist Publishing Company that it be used for the Conference Claimant's Fund.

Levi Master moved that the above amount be received with thanks and that it be used in harmony with the above request.

Conference Claimants Fund.—On motion of P. J. Maveety the plan for the distribution of Conference Claimant's funds adopted at the last session of the Annual Conference was so changed that the receipts from the Methodist Pub'g Company be used as a part of the Conference Claimant's fund instead of the Special or Annuity fund.

On motion of G. W. Gosling all moneys were placed in the Conference Claimant's fund except the following items:

Interest on the moneys paid to the Conference Board of Trustees from the Preacher's Saving Fund Society, and specific gifts and bequests for this fund.

On motion of C L. Barnhart, Geo. L. Hickey was placed on the Committee on Conference relations in place of C. A. Jacokes.

Book Concern Dividend:—Homer Eaton addressed the Conference and presented checks representing dividends from the Methodist Book Concern, $2371.

Distributive share of bequests of Attilia F. Christsman and Caroline Clark, $35.

Chartered Fund, $22.

On motion of W. M. Puffer, A. A. Stephens was appointed to take subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

Episcopal Fund.—The Bishop announced that the sum of $2566 was the amount apportioned to this Conference for the Episcopal fund.

On motion of James Hamilton, the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to make the apportionment of this fund to the Districts and were requested to do so at an early date.

On motion of G, W. Gosling, a draft was ordered on the Parkhurst fund for this year's dividend.

At the request of Bishop Vincent, Bishop Bowman took the chair.

On motion of G. W. Gosling, the following were appointed to nominate Standing Committees for the next session of the Annual Conference:

Albion District, DeLos Cronk; Big Rapids District, A. H. Coors; Coldwater District, W. H. Parsons; Grand Rapids District, J. P. MacCarthy; Grand Traverse District, A. J. Eldred; Ionia District, N. L. Bray; Kalamazoo District, J. C. Cook; Lansing District, J. G. Crozier; Niles District, W. J. Douglass.

Question 13, "Was the character of each preacher examined," was resumed.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections:

A. E. Craig, E. A. Armstrong, O. H. Perry, J. C. Upton, J. F. Orwick, I. Wilson, W. I.Elmer, A. Smith, W. L. Laufman, W. H. Choate, W. D. Rowland, Geo Varion, L. E. Lovejoy, N. P. Brown, R. A. Wright, C. W. Smith, J. W. White, L. Sevits, W. L. Barth J. B. Pinckard, M. M. Callen, Wm. Denman, G. L. Mount, S. C. Strickland, P. J. Maveety, C. A. Varnum, Delos Cronk, J. W. Sheehan, O. R. Lovejoy, A. H. Coors, J. C. Newcomer, A. Albro, W. A. Exner, A. H. Sturgis, A. T. Ferguson, A. F. Nagler, S. C, Tiney, I. Eagle, G. W. Tuthill, H. W. Thompson, W. P. Mosher, J. White, A. D. Newton, G. W. Howe, F. A. Chapman, L. S. Mathews, J. A. De Graff, G. S. Robinson, J. C. Beach, Levi Aler, W. Heath, W. A. Frye, O. J. Golden, W. R. Stinchcomb, N. M. Barnes, A.

P. Moors, A. K. Stewart, N. L. Bray, C. M. Welch, F. A. Van De Walker, M. F. Loomis, A. M. Griffith, L. N. Pattison, J. W. McDougall, S. Trewin, W. H. Parsons, J. W. Vickers, G. A. Brown, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. W. Miller, O. D. Watkins, J. W. Hart, James Allen, R. S. MacGregor, D. A. Green, J. W. Davids, D. F. Barnes, A. Trott, A. E. Hawley, J. Dobson, N. E. Gibbs, J. S. Valentine, L. Blanchett, E. O. Mather, N. S. Tuttle, C. W. East, W. H. Stacey, A. F. Hart, J. W. Buell, W. J. Hathaway, J. F. Peschmann, W. W. Lamport.

The following were called and their characters passed:
D. D. King, J. Webster, J. A. Sprague, J. H. Potts, R. W. Tindall, S. Snyder, A. A. Geiger, C. G. Thomas, W. Judd, F. W. Haist, C. T. Van Antwerp, L. Delamarter, E. G. Lewis, W. C. Longdon, J. Wilkes, F. C. Lee, B. E. Paddock, E. W. Wood, J. C. Chase, I. W. Wallace, M. D. Carrell, W. J. Wilson, J. C. Cook, N. D. Marsh, A. M. Gould.

On motion of L. E. Lennox, A. A. Geiger, was left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

James Hamilton and A. O. Carman were excused from attendance on the conference.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned by expiration of time, Bishop Bowman pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16TH.

Bishop Vincent called the Conference to order at 8:30 a. m. Hymn 815 was sung. The Bishop gave an exposition of 1 Tim. 2 and a part of chapter 3.

L. H. Pearce led in prayer which was followed by the singing of the Gloria Patria.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

W. M. Puffer, Presiding Elder of the Lansing District, and J. W. H. Carlisle of the Niles District read their reports.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY REPORTS.—The Committee of inquiry in the cases of W. W. Divine, John M. Wright and O. E. Wightman reported and they were referred for trial to the Presiding Elders of the Niles, Grand Rapids and Albion Districts respectively.

J. R. Wooton was nominated as an Assistant Secretary in the place of A. Trott, who was unable to serve.

Bishop Bowman took the chair.

INTRODUCTIONS.—The following were introduced and addressed the Conference on the interests they respectively represent: A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

Samuel L. Beiler, Vice-Chancellor of the American University.

Joseph F. Berry, Editor of the Epworth Herald.

E. A. Schell, Corresponding Secretary of the Epworth League.

THE CLASS FOR ADMISSION INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP was then called forward.

Hymn No. 823 was sung and Bishop Vincent preached a sermon from 1 Tim. 4: 16, "Take heed to thyself," after which the Conference adjourned by expiration of time, Bishop Bowman pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18TH.

The Conference met at 8:30 a. m. Hymn No. 502 was sung.

Bishop Vincent led in prayer and gave an exposition of 1 Tim. 4.

J. M. Freeman offered prayer, after which the Gloria Patria was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

QUESTION 7—"WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP?" was taken up.

The class was called forward and answered the Disciplinary questions.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Board of Conference Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, passed in their studies, admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders:

Willard Aldrich, Henry R. E. Quant, Richard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Frederick M. Cosner, Wm. H. Phelps.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Conference Board of Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, passed in their studies and admitted into Full Membership, they being already Deacons:

Thomas Laity, Ralph T. Flewelling.

The character of Clarence E. Deal was passed, he reported his collections, the Conference Board of Examiners reported, he was represented by his Presiding Elder, admitted into Full Membership, he being already a Deacon, and advanced in his studies conditioned in some of the studies of the second year.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Conference Board of Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, admitted into Full Membership, elected to Deacon's Orders, and advanced in their studies conditioned on a part of the studies of the Second Year:

Arthur W. Simmons, George R. Millard.

CONTINUED ON TRIAL.—Wm. W. Slee, Chas. L. Keene, and Herbert E. Wylie were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Conference Board of Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and continued on Trial in the studies of the Third year.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Conference Board of Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and continued on Trial in studies of the Second year:

Thomas Boone, Arthur W. Mumford, Benson J. Youngs.

During the call of this class the Order of the Day was changed to 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Levi Master presented the recommendation of Climax Quarterly Conference in behalf of Clarence E. Deal for Local Elder's orders and on motion he was allowed to withdraw the recommendation.

C. M. Davis, President of the Michigan Female Seminary of the Presbyterian Church was introduced.

A. J. Eldred moved that when the Conference adjourn it be till 2 p. m.

The Committee on Conference Relations submitted the following reports, which were adopted:

Resolved, that in the cases of A. J. Morris and C. H. Theobald we advise the Conference to have them referred to a Committee of Inquiry according to paragraph 228 of the Discipline.

Committee on Conference Relations. C. L. Barnhart, Chairman. Wm. L. Laufman, Secretary.

Resolved, that we advise the Conference to refer the case of D. O Ball to a Committee of Inquiry.

Committee on Conference Relations. C. L. Barnhart, Chairman. Wm. Laufman, Secretary.

In harmony with this report, the cases of Arthur J. Morris and C. H. Theobald were referred to the following Committee of Inquiry:

N. L. Bray, W. A. Taylor, A. N. Eldred.

The case of D. O. Ball was referred to the following Committee of Inquiry:

Henry Abraham, S. C. Strickland, J. White, W. J. Hathway, Isaiah Wilson.

Rules Amended.—On motion of G. W. Gosling, the Conference Rules were amended to read as follows:

8 In the distribution of Conference Claimant's Funds the action of the Board of Stewards shall be final.

9 The Stewards shall give a general report of their work to the Conference and shall furnish the Conference Secretary, for publication in the Minutes, answers to Disciplinary Questions No's. 27 and 28.

10 The Stewards shall announce the time and place that allowances may be received by Claimants. Allowances not called for personally shall be sent to Claimants by mail or authorized messenger.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society was introduced and addressed the Conference. He also submitted the plan of the Missionary Society for raising their debt and secured the consent of 101 persons who will be responsible for raising $20 each on the indebtedness and 87 who will do all they can for the same purpose, by Thanksgiving.

W. E. Ogden was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

On motion of M. M. Callen the time was extended and

C. J. LITTLE was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of Garrett Biblical Institute, of which he is President.

After the announcements were made the Conference adjourned, M. J. Freeman pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at two o'clock.

Hymn No. 822 was sung.

Bishop Vincent led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

J. M. FREEMAN, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

CHANGES IN CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the relations of the following be changed from Effective to Superannuate, with recommendations for a claim, which was adopted: James Webster, J. W. Horner.

The Committee also recommended that F. J. Freeman and A. R. Keillor be changed from Superannuate to effective, which was adopted.

T. J. Hill was changed from Superannuate to Supernumerary, upon recommendation of the Committee, and also Hale H. Miller from Supernumery to Effective.

On recommendation of the Committee, Uri Mason was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuate with recommendation for a claim this year.

E. T. Lumber requested a change of his relation from Supernumerary to Superannuate without recommendation for a claim, and upon recommendation of the Committee his request was granted.

QUESTION 10,—"What members have completed the Conference Course of Study",—was taken up.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Board of Conference Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, passed in their studies and elected to Elder's Orders:

Charles H. Palmatier, David E. Reed, Jno. C. Jewell, Thomas H. Leamon, Charles M. Merrill, Wm. W. Aylesworth, Corbon P. Birdsey, Elisha W. Laing. Wm. F. Glass, Ralph Wooton, Geo. F. Craig, Edgar Tullar, Robert J. Slee.

The above action was taken in the case of Clinton H. Anderson, his collection not being reported.

CONTINUED IN FOURTH YEAR'S STUDIES.—The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders, and were continued in the studies of the Fourth Year: Joseph B. Peatling, John W. Foy, Geo. W. Weeks, Wm. A. Robinson.

The following were called, their characters passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and continued in the studies of the Fourth Year: Lewis L. Thomas, Hale H. Miller, Walter Z. Cole, and Frank H. Nix.

The Conference requested to leave the following members without appointment to attend some one of our schools: Lewis L. Thomas, Wm. A. Robinson.

Arthur J. Morris was called, and the Committee of inquiry in his case not being ready to report, action in his case was postponed.

A. N. Henne Located.—The name of Anton N. Henne being called. his Presiding Elder stated that Bro. Henne had placed in his hands his Certificate of Ordination together with the request to be permitted to withdraw from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had subsequently communicated to his Presiding Elder his desire to have the Conference return his Certificate of Ordination, and grant him a Certificate of Location.

On motion of M. M. Callen, his Certificates of Ordination were returned to him, and he was granted a Certificate of Location at his own request.

The 11th Question,—"What others have been elected and ordained Deacons,"—was called.

Levi Master presented the recommendation of Robert E. Meader from the Quarterly Conference of Augusta Charge, Kalamazoo District.

J. I. Buell presented the recommendations of Albert B. Johnson, Elton E. Haring, Almond C. Parsons, and Edwin W. Davis, fron the Ionia District Conference.

R. W. Van Schoick presented the recommendations of John G. Biery from the Pittsford Quarterly Conference, of the Coldwater District.

W. M. Puffer presented the recommendation of M, D. Popoff, from the Quarterly Conference of Central Church, Lansing District.

In the following cases the Board of Examiners made report, their Presiding Elders represented them, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders as Local Preachers:

Robert E. Meader, Albert B. Johnson, Elton E. Haring, Almond C. Parsons, John G. Biery.

In the cases of Edwin W. Davis and M. D. Popoff, their Presiding Elders were permitted to withdraw their recommendations for election to Deacon's Orders, as Local Preachers.

The 12th Question,—"What others have been elected and ordained Elders,"—was taken up, and W. I. Cogshall presented the recommendation of Charles W. Marshall, from the East Street Quarterly Conference, Grand Rapids District.

The Board of Conference Examiners made their report, he was represented by his Presiding Elder, and elected to Elder's Orders as a Local Preacher.

After announcements Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.—SUNDAY.

The Conference Love Feast was conducted by A. M. Gould, after which Bishop Vincent, Assisted by the elders, Ordained the following Elders:

Charles H. Palmatier, David E. Reed, John C. Jewell, Thomas H. Leamon, Clinton H. Anderson, Charles M. Merrill, William W. Aylesworth, Corbon P. Firdsey, Elisha W. Laing, Robert J. Slee, William F. Glass, Ralph Wooton, George F. Craig, Edgar C. Tullar Charles W. Marshall.

Each of the newly ordained Elders received an elegant teacher's Bible, as a gift from Mr. Charles Winnecker, of St. Louis, Mo.

Following the ordination, the Bishop preached from Matt. 11: 10, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

At 2:30 p. m. the Conference met for ordination of Deacons and the reading of memoirs of ministers and minister's wives deceased during the year.

Bishop Vincent ordained the following as Deacons:

Arthur W. Simmons, Willard Aldrich, George R. Millard, H. R. E. Quant, Yichard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Frederick M. Cosner, William H. Phelps, Albert B. Johnson, Robert E. Meader, Elton E. Haring, John G. Birney, Almon C. Parsons, after which Miss Irene Cummings and Miss L. M. Schenck were consecrated as Deaconesses.

The memorial service followed. Obituaries of the following deceased ministers, or minister's widows, were read by the person whose name appears opposite them: F. N. Janes, by W. I. Cogshall; J. W. Cawthorne, by D. S. Haviland; A. Hunsberger, by . J. Dr.C. Floyd; A. A. Rolfe, by James Hamilton; Mrs, R. Sapp, by D. F. Barnes; Mrs. R. C. Crawford, by R. H. Bready; Mrs. W. A. Bronson, by M. D. Carrell.

It having been learned that Mrs. Wm. Doust had passed to her eternal home since Conference assembled, A. T. Luther, who had been her pastor at Lansing, made some suitable remarks. The Bishop followed with a short address, in which he paid tribute to the loyal men and women, who unknown to Methodism at large, are tilling in all fidelity the Master's vineyard.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY, SEPT. 20th.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock.

Hymn No. 29 was sung and the Bishop offered prayer.

Bishop Vincent gave an exposition of 1 Tim. 5.

R. W. Van Schoick led in prayer.

The Gloria Patria was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT'S FUND.—On motion of James Hamilton it was ordered that all moneys received by the Conference in aid of Conference Claimants be placed in the Conference Claimant's Fund.

D. W. Parsons moved that when a member shall be made effective his claim on the Conference Claimant's Fund shall cease. The motion was carried.

On motion of O. H. Perry, the Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Treasurer those who have not made any contribution for the publication of the minutes, and solicit a contribution from them.

ASSESSMENT TO PAY FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES.—O. H. Perry also moved that hereafter the amount necessary to publish the minutes be proportionately assessed to the members of the Conference, on the basis of salary received. The motion was carried.

The Board of Stewards were excused to complete their work.

RESOLUTION ON HOME MISSIONS.—C. A. Varnum moved the following resolution:

Whereas, The income of our Missionary Society is a sacred fund consecrated to the advancement of our Lord's Kingdom, and

Whereas, It is the purpose of the Missionary Society to grant aid where commensurate returns are most probable and where aid is most needed; therefore

Resolved, That we request our Committee on Domestic Missions to exercise the utmost wisdom in recommending as mission fields only such points as promise successful results.

Resolved, That no District or Charge be placed by them upon the list of Domestic Missions where the salary exceedes $600.

C. A. Varnum, A. T. Luther, G. S. Robinson, A. F. Hart, J. W. Hallenbeck, G. D. Chase, F. W. Corbett.

After some discussion the resolution was adopted.

James Hamilton offered the following resolution, which on motion of Levi Master, seconded by John Graham was adopted:

Whereas, The Michigan Lay Electoral Conference representing 50,000 Methodists pronounced against the re-appointment of Presiding Elders, until they have served a term in the Pastorate, and

Whereas, the Michigan Annual Conference is on record to the same effect; therefore

Resolved, That this body re-affirms this position, and respectfully requests our Presiding Bishop, to re-appoint no man to the Presiding Eldership, until he has served at least one full term in the pastorate.

Signed, James Hamilton, Geo. S. Hickey, A. E Craig, Jos. P. McCarthy, M. M. Callen, W. P. French, W. A. Frye, T. H. Jacokes, A. P. Moors, W. H. B. Urch, R. S. McGregor, A. G. Eldred, G. W. Sherman, J. S. Valentine, J. F. Orwick, G. L. Mount, G. S. Robinson, A. N. Eldred, Wm. L. Laufman, F. A. Chapman, L. Grosenbaugh, D.D. King, A. H. Sturgis.

Moses Hill.—L. Master moved that L. Delamarter, the pastor of this church, be made a committee to communicate to Moses Hill, of the East Ohio Conference, now resident in Kalamazoo, and under sore affliction by disease, the cordial sympathy of this Conference.

The motion was unanimously carried by a standing vote.

Invitation from Dean O'Brien.—L. DeLamarter presented an invitation from F. A. O'Brien, Dean of the Roman Catholic Church of Kalamazoo, to visit the parochial school of that church.

L. Master moved that our appreciation of this invitation be signified to Dean O'Brien, but owing to the press of business in the closing hours of the Conference it will be impossible to attend in a body.

The motion was carried.

The Committee of Enquiry in the case of D. O. Ball made through H. Abraham the following report, which was adopted:

The committee of enquiry after most careful consideration refer the case of Bro. D. O. Ball to his Presiding Elder for trial.

Henry Abraham, Isaiah Wilson, S. C. Strickland, W. J. Hathaway, J. White.

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The Committee of Inquiry in the cases of C. H. Theobald and A. J. Morris reported as follows through N. L. Bray, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the cases of C. H. Theobald and A. J. Morris beg leave to report that in view of all the circumstances we recommend that C. H. Theobald be granted a certificate of location at his own request.

That A. J. Morris be continued in his present relation, as a supernumerary, and requested to locate. Signed. N. L. Bray.

Special Order.—The following special order of the day was taken up:

The East Maine Conference at its Fiftieth Annual Session requests the Bishops to submit to the several Conferences during the years 1897 and 1898 the following proposition, to wit:

Amend Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Book of Discipline, by striking out the words "forty-five" and inserting the word "sixty," so that the section as amended shall read:

"The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every sixty; nor of more than two Lay Delegates for an Annual Conference: —Provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and pro-

vided also that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate."

Done at Calais, Maine, April 24th, 1897.

Attest: I. H. W. Wharff, Secretary; Willard F. Mallalieu, President.

On motion of L. Master, the vote on the above question was taken without debate and resulted as follows: Affirmative 201, negative 3.

THE 22ND QUESTION,—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers,"—was taken up.

T. R. Rible was called, and it being stated that he had surrendered his Certificate of Ordination and asked to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church, W. I. Cogshall moved that he be recorded as having withdrawn under complaints. The motion carried.

O. E. WIGHTMAN was called, and he was continued in his present relation, his case having been referred to the Presiding Elder of Albion District for trial.

The following were called, their characters passed, Committee on Conference Relations reported and they were continued in their present relations:

H. H. Rood, B. S. Mills, C. L. Barnhart, W. Barrett, J. H. Hopkins, M. W. Knapp, Thomas Lyon, A. Potter, B. W. Smith, H. S. Taft, E. Wigle, J. W. Lent, W. J. Maybee, J. W. Steffe, G. S. Hickey, A.J. Morris.

H. L. Rood, was changed from Supernumerary to effective and the Bishop requested to leave him without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

REQUESTED TO LOCATE.—R.G. Hildred was called, his character passed, and on motion of W. I. Cogshall he was requested to locate.

QUESTION 23,—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers,"—was taken up.

The following were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in their present relations :

W. T. Cook, F. H. Nix, G. W. Sherman, E. L. Odle, W. M. Colby, L. M. Edmonds, I. B. Tallman, G. E. Hollister, J. R. Oden, R. Pengelly, R. C. Welch, S. L. Hamilton, J. K. Stark, C. H. Howe, D. M. Ward, James Berry, L. W. Earl, T. T. Clark, E. Cooley, R. G. Grawford, J. Draper, A. A. Dunton, A. J. Eldred, C. H. Fisher, G. S. Fox, L. M. Garlick, J. Gulick, J. W. Hollowell, D. S. Haviland, J. S. Harder, S. P. Hewitt, J. Hills, G. S. Hicks, J. Hoyt, T. H. Jacokes, W. W. Johnson, H. D. Jordan, A. E. Ketcham, A. A. Knappen, D. R. Latham, G. D. Lee, W. M. Paddock, J. H. Pitezel, B. S. Pratt, T. Riley, W. W. Rork, S. Steele, E. Treadgold, A. Wakefield, B. H. Whitman, E. D. Young, J. W. Rawlinson, G. S. Barnes, W. N. Younglove, J. R. Bowen, J. E. White, J. H. Tanner, H. P. Henderson, E. G. Stevens, E. D. Bacon, L. M. Bennett, W. L. Brockway, D. Engle, J. Marzolf, D. G. Woodard, Geo. Donaldson, W. M. Prouty, L. J. Griffin.

E. L. Kellogg moved that the relation of Willard Heath be changed from effective to superannuate, which motion was carried.

QUESTION 13.—"Was the character of each Preacher examined."—The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: I. W. Wallace, W. Earle, J. H. Bennett, C. A. Jacokes, J. W. Horner, D. W. Parsons, J. C. Floyd, R. H. Bready, C. S. Wheeler, G. A. Odlum, G. C. Draper, G. B. Kulp, C. W. Jones, T. T. George, T. Cox, J. P. MacCarthy, R. N. Middleton, R. Shier, E. A. Tanner, Chas. Nease, E. L. Sincleir, L. W. Calkins, H. Abraham.

The following were called and their characters passed: H. C. Chamberlain, Adam Clark, A. W. Burns, C. E. Hoag, L. B. Kenyon, W. H. Thompson, J. N. Dayton, A. S. Williams.

PRESENTATION.—J. P. MacCarthy, in behalf of the preachers of Grand Rapids District, presented W. I. Coggshall, their Presiding Elder, a purse of $50 in gold as a token of the esteem in which he is held. Bro. Cogshall accepted the gift in appreciative words.

On motion of R. W. VanSchoick, I. W. Wallace was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

The following were called and they reported their collections: J. C. Cook, F. P. Haist, C. T. VanAntwerp, N. D. Marsh.

The following were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. W. McAllister, T. Youngs, A. A. Stephens, G. D. Chase, F. L. Niles, J. G. Crozier, W. A. Taylor, E. R. Lyon, Geo. Killeen, F. L. Thompson, H. H. Ford, A. O. Carman, W. H. B. Urch, J. A. Bready, H. D. Skinner, Geo. Bullen, D. D. Martin, A. T. Luther, John Klose, I. H. Skinner, J. P. Durham, J. E. Messner, I. T. Welden, W. P. French, A. N. Eldred, I. H. Riddick, A. J. Wheeler, W. H. Moore, G. A. Buell, H. L. Potter, E. F. Newell, G. W. Gosling, J. H. Emmons, L. Grosenbaugh, F. W. Corbett, W. J. Douglass, J. Hamilton, G. A. Brown.

DELOS FALL, PROFESSOR IN ALBION COLLEGE, was introduced and addressed the Conference, presenting the report of the trustees of Albion College, and on motion of John Graham the report was adopted. See Report.

EDUCATIONAL COLLECTION.—Jno. Graham moved that we re-affirm the action taken at the last session of the Annual Conference concerning the support of Albion College, thereby pledging ourselves to try to raise at least ten cents per member for the Educational Fund, which motion was carried.

QUESTION 30.—"Where shall the next Conference be held?"—was taken up.

On motion of L. Master, the question was referred to the Presiding Elders, with power to fix the place.

THE 4TH QUESTION, "Who have been received on trial,"—was taken up. The recommendations of the following were presented, they were introducee to the Conference and retired:

John G. Biery, David R. Lee, James G. Phillips, Harley H. Harris, Alfred H. McComb, Albert T. Cartland.

In each of the above cases the Board of Conference Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and admitted on trial.

It was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 p. m.

TRANSFER.—The transfer of G. H. Burge from the Dakota Conference was announced.

After announcements, on motion of P. J. Maveety, the Conference adjourned, L. De Lamarter pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 3 o'clock.

The first stanza of the Prayer-hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported through A. J. Eldred, which report was adopted. See Report. A.

The report of the Auditing Committee was submitted by J. C. Beach, and adopted. See Report B.

The Committee on Education reported through D. F. Barnes, and the report was adopted. See Report C.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for those nominated by the Committee on Education for Trustees of Albion College and Northwestern University.

The Committee on Temperance reported through J. F. Orwick, and the report was adopted. See Report D.

The Committee on Woman's Work in the Church reported through S. C. Strickland, and the report was adopted. See Report E.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was submitted by W. J. Hathaway, and adopted. See Report F.

The Committee on Revival Band reported through T. T. George, and the report was adopted. See Report G.

The Secretary announced the ballot of the Conference for Trustees of Educational institutions as follows:

For Albion College, L. E. Lennox, Geo. M. Buck.

For Northwestern University, A. E. Craig.

E. Tench presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, and the report was adopted. See Report H.

C. A. Varnum presented the report of the Committee on Epworth League, which report was adopted. See Report I.

N. L. Bray presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was adopted. See list.

On motion of D. W. Parsons, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Conference Trustees as nominated by the Committee on Nominations, with result as follows:

C· L. Barnhart, N. L. Bray, James Hamilton, A. T. Ferguson, J. F. Orwick, G. C. Draper, J. I. Buell, M. M. Callen, James P. McCarthy.

N. L. Bray moved the adoption of the following, which was carried: In nominating Trustees the order shall be observed of changing or re-electing the the oldest three members of the board each year.

J G. Crozier offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

We reaffirm the action of the Conference of last year in relation to the Anti-Saloon League of Michigan and most heartily endorse it and recommend it to the favorable consideration of all our people.

J. G. Crozier, W. A. Frye, F. A. Chapman, L. N. Pattison, A. F. Nagler, Wm. Denman, D. F Barnes.

E. W. Woods presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Conference that the Presiding Elders ought not to employ any man to supply any of our charges who will not subscribe to the same pledge on the use of tobacco that is required of applicants for admission to the Conference.

Willard Heath, E W. Wood, D. A. Green.

D. F. Barnes in behalf of the Committee on Education read a communication from the Wesleyan Guild of Ann Arbor, and also presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

While the financial pressure upon our own Albion College compels us to turn our Collections largely toward its support, we wish to record our profound sympathy with, and great admiration for the magnificient work of our General Educational Society, under the management of Corresponding Secretary Charles H. Payne, D. D., and pledge ourselves to faithfully present its work, and as far as practical, use the program for Children's Day prepared by the Society.

Geo. Killeen reported for the Committee on Conference Claimant's, which report was adopted. See Report J.

D. W. Parsons moved that the Committee on Education be authorized to consider communications referred to it by the Bishop and report later.

W. H. Wright presented the report of the Committee on District Conference Records, which was adopted. See Report K.

P. J. Maveety presented the report of the Committee on plan for the Support of Conference Claimants, which was adopted. See Report L.

F. A. Chapman, T. T. George and C. L. Barnhart announced that

persons known to them had decided by gifts and bequests to materially increase the Conference Claimant's Fund. The Secretary was instructed to formulate an expression of the gratitude of the Conference for the above named help, and incorporate such expression in the minutes.

D. F. Barnes, for the Committee on Education, made a report, which was adopted. See Report M.

W. H. B. Urch presented the following resolution of thanks:

Whereas, This Conference has received such generous hospitality from the Methodist and other churches of this city, especially remembering the labors of the pastors,

Resolved, We tender them our most cordial appreciation of the same.

Whereas, The Conference has received so much courtesy at the hands of the Press,

Resolved, We accord our hearty recognition of the same.

W. H. B. Urch, G. D. Chase, S. C. Strickland, H. Abraham.

The Statistical Secretary presented his report, which was [adopted. See Statistics

F. W. Corbett presented the report of the committee on Bible cause, which was adopted: See Report.

C. G. Thomas moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 8 p. m.

The Conference Board of Trustees was excused.

On motion of J. G. Crozier the Secretary was allowed ten minutes in which to raise money for the publication of minutes.

On motion the Conference adjourned, Bishop Vincent pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 8 o'clock.

The Doxology was sung.

M. D. Carroll led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

J. P. Durham offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to print only such matter (memoirs, reports, etc.) as shall be in his hands within five days after the close of the Conference sessions.

Judson P. Durham, J. C. Floyd, L. E. Lennox.

E. A. Armstrong presented the report of the Committee on Book Concern Accounts, which was adopted. See report N.

QUESTION 5—WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL ?"—was taken up.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Board of Conference Examiners reported they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and advanced in their studies to the class of the second year:

Arthur W. Mumford, Wm. F. Kendrick, John S. DeLong, Moses E. Reusch, Benson J. Youngs, Albert E. Carman.

The same action was taken in the case of Thomas Boone, he being conditioned in a part of his studies.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, and were continued in the studies of the first year:

Matthew Mullen, jr., Lewis H. Manning, Bert A. Silverthorne, J. Edward Kirby, Wm. A. Johnson, Robt. E. Meader, James W. Rochelle, John D. Bird.

THE 9TH QUESTION—"WHAT MEMBERS ARE IN THE STUDIES OF THE THIRD YEAR?"—was taken up.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Conference Board of Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year:

John Zedler, Geo. W. Maxwell, Robt. D. Freeman, Wm. L, Holmes, Paul D. Huff, Prentice E. Whitman;

And also the following, they being conditioned in a part of their studies:

Loren P. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Alfred L. Woodlock, Geo. K. Fairbanks, Wm. H. Wright.

Wm. H. Phelps was also before the Board of Conference Examiners, and upon their report he was passed to the studies of the Fourth year.

The following were called, their characters passed, the Board of Conference Examiners reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and were continued in the studies of the Third year:

Chas. A. Brown, Willard E. Ogden, James H. Wesbrook, Chas. W. Holden.

The following were called, their characters passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and were continued in their studies of the Third year:

Ralph Newman, Selden B. Ford, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Upton E. Partridge, Jacob L. Ruoff, Saml. I. Horr, Robt. J. Floody, Robt. G. Hildred, Atwell E. Hawley, Edward J. Bradner, and E. W. Davis, he being conditioned in some of the studies of the Second year.

The Bishop was requested to leave the following without appointment to attend some one of our schools:

Matthew Mullen, jr., Lewis H. Manning, Wm. A. Johnson, Ralph Newman, Selden B. Ford, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Wm. H. Phelps, Joseph F. Peschmann, Edward J. Bradner.

REQUESTED TO LOCATE.—Robt. J. Floody and Robt. G. Hildred were requested to locate, and also granted a supernumerary relation.

W. W. DIVINE WITHDRAWN.—On motion of J. G. Crozier, W. W.

Divine was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THE 24TH—"WHO ARE THE TRIERS OF APPEALS?"—The following were elected:

W. R. Stinchcomb, L. N. Pattison, J. F. Orwick, A. H. Coors, I. H. Skinner, C. G. Thomas, C. A. Jacokes.

DEACONESS' HOME.—D. F. Barnes read the report of the Deaconess' Home, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. See report.

E. A. Armstrong and W. L. Barth were appointed as members of the Conference Board of Examiners.

D. F. BARNES IN THE CHAIR.—The Bishop retired and called D. F. Barnes to the chair.

G. W. Gosling read the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted. See Report.

P. J. Maveety presented bills for Conference expenses and a collection was taken for the same.

REGISTRATION FEE.—F. L. Thompson moved that each undergraduate be requested to pay a registration fee of one dollar the coming year to cover expenses of next year's examinations. The motion prevailed.

On motion of J. Hamilton the following committee was appointed to audit bills presented for service in behalf of various Conference Committees: N. L. Bray, G. D. Chase, J. W. Davids.

ENTERTAINMENT OF CONFERENCE.—On motion of J. G. Crozier, it was ordered that at the next session of the Conference all receiving a salary of $700 or more pay their expenses of entertainment, and that none but those receiving less than $700 accept entertainment from the church where the Conference is held.

D. A. Green offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have been highly favored and much edified by the instructive and inspiring lectures of Dr. Little, the President of Garrett Biblical Institute, that have been given to us during the Conference course.

D. A. Green.

N. L. Bray reported for the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of those who have incurred expense for the Conference as follows, and the report was adopted:

P. J. Maveety, $2.00. James Hamilton, $5.00. G. C. Draper, $1.20.

On motion of J. K. Stark these bills were ordered paid out of moneys in the hands of the Stewards.

On motion of J. I. Buell, D. F. Barnes was granted a supernumerary relation.

On invitation of the Bishop, Bro. Barnes addressed the Conference.

A. E. Craig offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we express our profound appreciation of the Presidency of Bishop John H. Vincent at this his first vist to our Conference. His words of wise counsel have been to us an inspiration; his uniform courtesy has endeared him to our hearts; his thoughtful and eloquent sermons have been to us a spiritual benediction. We pray that the blessing of the great head of the Church may continue with him as he goes from us, and assure him our warmest welcome when in the providence of God he may again come to preside over our Conference.

A. E. Craig, J. C. Floyd, Owen R. Lovejoy.

C. H. Jacokes moved that after reading of the Journal and reading of the appointments and such remarks as the Bishop may see fit to make, Conference stand adjourned sine die.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

J. C. Dorris from Oklahoma Conference, A. Albro from New York East Conference, J. H. Wilcox from North Nebraska Conference, G. H. Burge from Dakota Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In studies of First Year.—John G. Biery, David R. Lee, James G. Phillips, Harley H. Harris, Alfred H. McComb, Albert T. Cartland.

(b) In studies of Third Year.—None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In studies of First Year.—Matthew Mullen, jr., Lewis H. Manning, J. Edward Kirby, Bert A. Silverthorne, Wm. A. Johnson, Robt. E. Meader, James W. Rochelle, John D. Bird.

(b) In studies of Second Year.—Thomas Boone, Arthur W. Mumford, Benson J. Youngs, Albert E. Carman, Wm. F. Kendrick, John S. DeLong, Moses E. Reusch.

(c) In studies of Third Year,—Charles L. Keene, Wm. W. Slee, Herbert E. Wylie, Edwin W. Davis.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year.—None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

John D. McDonald.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.—Arthur W. Simmons, Willard Aldrich, Geo. R. Millard, Henry R. E. Quant, Richard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Frederick M. Cosner, Wm. H. Phelps.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.—Clarence E. Deal, Thomas Laity, Ralph T. Flewelling.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.—Arthur W. Simmons, Willard Aldrich, Geo. R. Millard, Henry R. E. Quant, Richard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Clarence E.Deal, Thomas Laity, Ralph T. Flewelling.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.—Willard E. Ogden, Ralph Newman, Chas. A. Brown, Selden B. Ford, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Upton E. Partridge, Chas. W. Holden, James H. Wesbrook, Jacob L. Ruoff, Samuel I. Horr, Robt. J. Floody, Robt. G. Hildred, Atwell E. Hawley, Edward J. Bradner.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Joseph B. Peatling, Lewis L. Thomas, John W. Foy, Geo. W. Weeks, Wm. A. Robinson, Hale H. Miller, Arthur J. Morris, Walter Z. Cole, Frank H. Nix, Frederick M. Cosner, John Zedler, Loren P. Richtmyer, Geo. W. Maxwell, Robt. D. Freeman, James E, Foote, Wm. L. Holmes, Geo. K. Fairbanks, Paul D. Huff, Alfred L. Woodlock, Wm. H. Wright, Prentice E. Whitman, Wm. H. Phelps.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.—Charles H. Palmatier, David E. Reed, John C. Jewell, Thomas H. Leamon, Clinton H. Anderson, Chas. M. Merrill, Wm. W. Aylesworth, Corbon P. Birdsey, Elisha W. Laing, Robt. J. Slee, Wm. F. Glass, Ralph Wooton, Geo. F. Craig, Edgar C. Tullar.

Elected and Ordained Elders previously.—None.

11. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers.—Albert B. Johnson, Almond C. Parsons, Robt. E. Meader, Elton E. Haring, John G. Biery.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

12. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons.—Charles W. Marshall.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

13. Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?

Yes, by being called in open Conference.

14. Who has been Transferred and to What Conferences?

L. L. Tower to the Montana Conference, Henry G. Hipp to the Tennessee Conference.

15. Who have Died?

J. W. Cawthorne, A. Hunsberger, F. N. Janes, A. A. Rolfe.

16. Who have been Located at their Own Request?

Anton N. Henne, C. H. Theobald.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

A. C. Jones, Merrick W. Woods.

19. Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints ?

T. R. Rible, Wm. W. Divine.

20. Who have been Expelled ?

None.

21. What Other Personal Notation Should be Made ?

None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?

T. J. Hill, O. E. Wightman, H. H. Rood, R. G. Hildred, B. S. Mills, C. L. Barnhart, W. Barrett, J. H. Hopkins, M. W. Knapp, D. C. Riehl, T. Lyon, A. Potter, B. W. Smith, H. S. Taft, A. E. Hawley, A. J. Morris, J. W. Lent, W. J. Maybee, D. O. Ball, J. W. Steffe, G. S. Hickey, Robt. J. Floody, D. F. Barnes.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?

James Webster, J. W. Horner, Uri Mason, E. T. Lumber, W. T. Cook, Frank H. Nix, G. W. Sherman, E. L. Odle, W. M. Colby, L. M. Edmonds, I. B. Tallman, G. E. Hollister, J. R. Oden, Richard Pengelly, R. C. Welch, S. L. Hamilton, J. K. Stark, C. H. Howe, D. M. Ward, James Berry, W. J. Swift, L. W. Earl, T. T. Clark, E. Cooley, R. C. Crawford, J. Draper, A. A. Dunton, A. J. Eldred, C. H. Fisher, C. S. Fox, L. M. Garlick, L. J. Griffin, J. Gulick, J. W. Hollowell, D. S. Haviland, J. S. Harder, S. P. Hewitt, J. Hills, G. S. Hicks, J. Hoyt, T. H. Jacokes, W. W. Johnson, H. D. Jordan, A. E. Ketcham, A. A. Knappen, E. R. Latham, G. D. Lee, W. M. Paddock, J. H. Pitezel, B. S. Pratt, T. Riley, W. W. Rork, S. Steele, E. Treadgold, A. Wakefield, B. H. Whitman, E. D. Young, J. W. Rawlinson, G. S. Barnes, W. N. Younglove, J. R. Bowen, J. E. White, J. H. Tanner, H. P. Henderson, E. G. Stevens, E. D. Bacon, L. M. Bennett, N. L. Brockway, D. Engle, J. Marzolf, D. C. Woodard, Geo. Donaldson, W. M. Prouty, W. Heath.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

W. R. Stinchcomb, L. N. Pattison, J. F. Orwick, A. H. Coors, I. H. Skinner, C. G. Thomas, C. A. Jocokes.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See Statistical Tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

See Treasurer's Report.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

$24,650.

28. What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

$11,286.44. See Stewards' Report.

29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed.**
See Appointments.

30. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Referred to the Presiding Elders.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I hereby certify that on Sept. 19, 1897 at Kalamazoo, Mich. by order of the Michigan Annual Conference and assisted by Elders, I ordained as Elders: Charles H. Palmatier, David E. Reed, John C. Jewell, Thomas H. Leamon, Clinton H. Anderson, Charles M. Merrill, William W. Aylesworth, Corbon P. Birdsey, Elisha W. Laing, Robert J. Slee, William F. Glass, Ralph Wooton, George F. Craig, Edgar C. Tullar, Charles W. Marshall.

JOHN H. VINCENT,
Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 20, 1897. Bishop.

I hereby certify that on Sept. 19, 1897 at Kalamazoo, Mich, by order of the Michigan Annual Conference, I ordained as Deacons: Arthur W. Simmons, Willard Aldrich, George R. Millard, H. R. E. Quant, Richard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Frederick M. Cosner, William H. Phelps, Albert B. Johnson, Robert E. Meader, Elton E. Haring, John G. Biery, Almon C. Parsons.

JOHN H. VINCENT,
Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 20, 1897. Bishop

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS—1897.

ALBION DISTRICT.

P. J. Maveety, 1, Presiding Elder, P. O., Jackson, Mich.

Albion, A. E. Craig, ... 3
Allen, C. H. Anderson, ... 4
Bankers, to be sup. by H. W. Ware 1
Butler, J. W. White, ... 3
Concord, G. L. Mount, ... 2
Cambria, Irving Eagle, ... 2
Camden, L. A. Sevits, ... 2
Charlotte, G. D. Chase, ... 2
Eaton, G. H. Burge. P. O. Charlotte 2
Eaton Rapids, J. G. Crozier 4
Frontier, G. R. Millard,* 2
Hillsdale, M. M. Callen, ... 3
Hanover, O. H. Perry, ... 3
Homer, S. C. Strickland, ... 2
Jonesville, W. W. Lamport, ... 1
Jackson:
Cooper St., J. C. Upton,* 2
Diamond Mission, to be supplied by I. H. Dysinger, ... 1
First Church, Levi Master, ... 1
J. J. Hartley 3
Greenwood Ave., D. D. King. 2
Haven Church, C. W. East, ... 1
Ida Stiles Memorial, E. A. Armstrong, ... 1
Leslie, Albert Smith, ... 1
Liberty, B. F. Silverthorne,* 2
Litchfield, C. A. Varnum, ... 1
Marengo, Edwin Tench 1
Marshall, Isaiah Wilson, ... 3
Montgomery, to be supplied by Frank N. Miner, ... 1
Mosherville, M. F. Loomis, ... 1
North Adams, A. D. Newton, ... 2
North west Quincy, to be supplied by J. F. Knapp, P.O.So. Butler, 1
Osseo, C. P. Birdsey, ... 1
Parma, Delos Cronk, ... 2
Partello, H. R. E. Quant,* 3
Pittsford, J. G. Biery,* 3
Quincy, W. H. Parsons 2
Ransom, G. W. Howe 2
Reading, J. W. Vickers 2
Springport, J. A. Sprague 2
Tekonsha, J. W. Sheehan 4
Tompkins, N. P. Brown 1
Wheatland, I. W. Wallace 1

J. H. Potts, Editor of Michigan Christian Advocate, member of First Church, Jackson, Quarterly Conference.

W. C. Longdon, Missionary in Central China.

Joseph Wilks, Missionary in Utah.

F. C. Lee, Missionary in Nevada.

J. F. Orwick, Chaplain Michigan State's Prison, Jackson, Mich., Member Haven Church Quarterly Conference.

B. E. Paddock, Editor of "Live Coals," member Albion Quarterly Conference.

O. E. Wightman, referred to Presiding Elder for trial.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

L. E. Lennox, 4, Presiding Elder, P. O., Reed City, Mich.

Ashton, R. W. Tindall.....2
Averill, C. A. Brown*.....2
Barryton, to be supplied.
Belding, O. J. Golden.....4
Big Rapids, O. R. Lovejoy.....4
Big Rapids Ct., J. W. Jewell.....1
Cadillac, W. L. Laufman.....2
Cadillac Ct., to be supplied.
Calkinsville, to be supplied.
Chase, to be supplied.
Chippewa Lake, W. H Choate....1
Clare, J. S. DeLong.....1
Coleman, to be supplied
Crystal Valley, to be supplied.
Caldwell, A. E. Carman*.....2
Dushville, P. D. Huff*.....2
Evart, J. C. Newcomer.....3
Edmore, E. W. Davis*.....1
Entrican, J. S. Valentine.....1
Farwell, T. H. Leamon.....4
Gladwin, U. E. Partridge*.....2
Greenville, Addis Albro.....1
Greenville Ct., F. A. Van DeWalker.....1
Harrison, W. D. Rowland.....3
Hersey, G. K. Fairbanks.....1
Howard City and Coral, Wm. Judd 3
Leaton, to be supplied.
Le Roy, W. A. Exner.....3
Lake View, W. R. Stinchcomb..1
Ludington:
First Church, L. E. Lovejoy..2
Fourth Ward, A. H. Sturgis....3
Luther, to be supplied.
Marion, to be supplied.
McClure, to be sup. by L. E. Price 1
McBain, G. W. Weeks.....2
Middle Branch, to be supplied.
Morley, J. C. Chase.....2
Mt. Pleasant, R. A. Wright.....3
Millbrook, to be supplied by W. J. Massey.....2
Paris, to be supplied.
Pierson and Sand Lake, J.C. Dietrick 2
Reed City, G. S. Robinson.....1
Remus, C. W. Holden.....2
Scottville, C. H. Palmatier.....1
Sears, G. W. Maxwell,*.....3
Shepard, D. E. Reed.....4
Stanwood, E. W. Wood.....2
Stetson, to be supplied.
Wesley, C. W. Smith.....1
Woodville, and White Cloud, to be supplied.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

John Graham, 1, Presiding Elder, P. O., Grand Rapids, Mich,

Ashland, to be supplied.
Ada, to be sup. by E. E. Haring..1
Benona, to be supplied.
Berlin and Lamont, J. G. Phillips*2
Byron Center and Dorr, E. A. Tanner.....1
Bowne, J. H. Wesbrook*.....5
Caledonia, Thomas Boone*.....2
Cannonsburg, to be supplied.
Casnovia, W. F. Glass.....2
Cedar Springs, Wellington Earle 2
Coopersville, R. N. Middleton..1
Edgerton, to be supplied.
Fremont, C. A. Jacokes.....2
Freeport, J. E. Messner.....1
Grand Haven, Richard Shier....1
Grand Rapids:
Ames Church, D. W. Parsons..2
Division St., E. G. Lewis.....1
East St., J. W. H. Carlisle.....1
Epworth, C. S. Wheeler.....2
Joy Memorial, G. A. Odlum....3
Plainfield ave., G. C. Draper..2
Second St., G. B. Kulp.....3
Feakins Memorial, to be sup.
Grandville, C. W. Burns.....1
Hart, T. T. George.....2
Hastings, Thomas Cox.....5
Hastings, Ct., H. C. Chamberlain 2
Hesperia, to be supplied.
Holland, Adam Clark.....2
Holton, to be supplied.
Irving, R. D. Freeman*.....5
Lake Odessa, Arthur Trott.....2
Lisbon, to be supplied.
Lowell, L. N. Pattison.....1
Middleville, J. C. Dorris.....1
Montague, R. J. Slee.....1
Muskegon:
Central Church, J. P. MacCarthy 3
Lakewood Heights, J. W. Haist 1
Newaygo, W. W. Slee.....1
North Muskegon, to be supplied.
Pentwater, A. L. Woodlock.....1
Ravenna, Sanford Snyder.....1
Robinson, D. R. Lee*.....2
Rockford, Charles Nease.....2
Saranac, W. H. Wright*.....2
Shelby, E. L. Sincleir.....4
So. Lowell, to be supplied by A. B. Johnson, P. O. Elmdale.....1
Sparta, L, W. Calkins.....3
Spring Lake, Henry Abraham....1
Wayland, to be supplied.
Whitehall, C. E. Hoag.....1
Vergennes, and Keene, J. W. Rochelle, P. O., Lowell.....2

J. M. Wright and D. O. Ball, referred to Presiding Elder for trial.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

E. L. Kellogg, 5, Presiding Elder, P. O. Traverse City, Mich.

Alanson, H. H. Harris..... 2
Alba, to be spuplied.
Alden, D. A. Green 1
Bear Lake, to be sup. by J. Burge 3
Bellaire, R. T. Flewelling 3
Benzonia, to be supplied by L. D. Youngblood 1
Boone, to be supplied by Edwin Burt, P. O., East Port.. 3
Boyne City, A. R. Keillor 1
Central Lake, to be supplied by Robert Batterbee 2
Charlevoix, J. W. Hallenbeck.... 5
Clarion, A. H. McComb..... 1
Copemish, to be supplied by G. W. Burnes..... 4
Cross Village, to be sup. by L. D. Carpenter 5
East Jordan, S. L. Mathews 1
East Jordan Ct., to be supplied by C. W. Galloway 1
Elk Rapids, J. W. Miller..... 3
Empire, to be sup. by N. Kendall 1
Fife Lake, W. Z. Cole* 2
Frankfort, F. J. Freeman 2
Freesoil, to be supplied by E. W. McMillen 1
Harbor Springs, J. A. DeGraff . 1
Inland, to be supplied by W. M. D. Riggs 1
Ironton, to be supplied by F. H. Rickard 1
Kalkaska, J. C. Beach..... 2
Kewadin, to be sup. by John Jacobs 1
Kingsley, to be supplied by J. W. Hayward 1
Lake City, George Varion 2
Levering, to be supplied by I. T. Ward 1
Mackinaw, City, to be supplied by J. L. Mershon..... 1
Mancelona, J. W. Hart 2
Manton, Levi Aler 2
Monroe Center, to be sup. by A. A. Darling, P. O., Wexford.. 1
Manistee, A. T. Ferguson..... 2
Northport and In., Miss'n, P. E. Whitman 3
Norwood, James Allen..... 2
Old Mission, to be supplied by W. W. Smith 1
Petoskey:
First Church, R. S. McGregor.. 3
Charlevoix Ave., to be supplied
Sherman, Hugh Kennedy*..... 3
South Boardman, R. E. Yost*... 1
Stittsville, S. C. Tiney,..... 1
Torch Lake, to be sup. by Fred J. Bryan, P. O. Kewadin..... 1
Traverse City, J. A. Bready..... 1
West Traverse City, to be sup by W. E. Reusch 1
Williamsburg, O. D. Watkins... 1

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

J. C. Floyd, 1, Presiding Elder, P. O., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Allegan, J. C. Cook..... 4
Augusta, R. E. Meader*..... 2
Athens, E. W. Laing..... 3
Banfield, to be supplied by W. W. Allen..... 2
Bloomingdale, C. M. Merrill.... 1
Battle Creek:
First Chursh, Wm. Denman... 3
Maple St., W. L. Barth 1
Upton Ave., W. F. Kendrick* 2
Bellevue, A. F. Nagler..... 1
Climax, C. E. Deal* 3
Comstock, J. W. Foy* 1
Cooper, H. H. Miller* 1
Delton, to be supplied by A. M. Brooks 1
Douglass, and Saugatuck, L. P. Richtmyer*..... 1
Fennville, to be supplied by F. S. Rockwell..... 1
Fulton, C. T. Van Antwerp..... 1
Galesburg, Joshua White 1
Ganges, A. M. Griffith..... 3
Gobleville, N. S. Tuttle 2
Kalamazoo:
East Ave., J. W. McAllister.. 1
First Church, Louis De Lamarter and Louis Blanchette.... 4
Simpson, C. G. Thomas..... 1
Kalamazoo Ct., A. M. Gould.... 2
Kendall, to be supplied by Geo. Donalson..... 1
Lacota, N. D. Marsh..... 1
Martin, F. W. Corbett..... 9
Mendon, W. H. Stacey..... 1
Monterey, F. M. Cosner*..... 2
Nottawa and Indian Mission, to be sup. by P. Lantobe.....
Oshtemo, J. H. Wilcox..... 1
Otsego, J. W. McDougall 1
Parkville, to be supplied by W. N. Younglove..... 1
Plainwell' A. F. Hart..... 2
Prairieville, J. W. Buell 2
Penfield, to be supplied.
Richland, J. B. Peatling* 3
Schoolcraft, Thomas Laity* 1
South Haven, W. J. Hathaway.. 2
Sonoma, W. I. Elmer..... 3
Trowbridge C. W. Jones P. O., Otsego 1
Vicksburg, A. H. Coors 1

LANSING DISTRICT.

W. M. Puffer, 2, Presiding Elder, P. O., Lansing, Mich.

Alma, M. D. Carrell..... 1
Ashley, B. J. Youngs*..... 1
Aurelius, John Klose 1
Bannister, Thomas Young, P. O., Duplain 5
Bath, A. A. Stephens 3
Breckenridge, A. W. Simmons*. 1
Berlin Center, to be supplied by R. A. Rood 1
Carson City, J. W. Davids..... 3
Crystal, to be supplied.
Danby, A. T. Cartland* 1
Delta, J. E. Foote* 3
DeWitt, F. L. Niles..... 3
Eagle, L. B. Kenyon..... 2
Elm Hall, H. E. Wylie..... 1
Elsie, H. H. Ford..... 1
Emerson, to be supplied.
Grand Ledge, W. A. Taylor 2
Gresham, E. R. Lyon 2
Hubbardston, N. M. Barnes..... 2
Ithaca, Geo. Killeen..... 5
Ionia, W. H. B. Urch 1
Lyons and Muir, W. E. Ogden*. 2
Lansing:
Central Ch., F. L. Thompson. 3
First Church, W. L. Holmes*. 1
Maple Rapids, A. O. Carman... 5
Mason. J. I. Buell..... 1
Nashville, W. J. Wilson..... 2
Okemos, I. H. Skinner..... 1
Ovid, A. P. Moors..... 1
Orange, H. R. Hawley..... 2
Orleans, N. E. Gibbs..... 1
Perrinton, H. D. Skinner..... 3
Potterville, Geo. Bullen..... 5
Palo, John Dobson 4
Portland, N. L. Bray..... 3
St Johns, D. D. Martin..... 4
St. Louis, A. T. Luther..... 2
Sethton, to be supplied.
Shepardsville, Ralph Wooton.... 1
Sebewa, A. K. Stewart 1
Stanton, to be supplied by A. C. Parsons 1
Sheridan, C. M. Welch. 3
Vermontville, J. P. Durham..... 2
Woodland, Willard Aldrich..... 1

W. H. Thompson, State Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Children's Home Society.

NILES DISTRICT.

R. W. Van Schoick, 1, Presiding Elder, P. O., Coldwater, Mich.

Bangor and Breedsville, I. T. Weldon 3
Benton Harbor, W. P. French... 3
Benton Harbor Ct., to be supplied by O. P. Hutchinson 1
Berrien Springs, A. N. Eldred .. 3
Buchanan, H. L. Potter..... 1
Bronson, John Zedler*..... 3
Burlington, J. E. Kirby..... 1
Burr Oak, to be supplied.
Cassopolis, I. H. Riddick..... 2
Coloma and Watervliet, A. J. Wheeler..... 3
Centreville, G. W. Tuthill,..... 2
Colon, H. W. Thompson,..... . 3
Constantine, J. B. Pinckard..... 4
Coldwater, W. I. Cogshall..... 1
Decatur, W. H. Moore..... 2
Dowagiac, G. A. Buell. 2
Eau Claire, S. I. Horr*..... 1
Edwardsburg, E. F. Newell..... 2
Gilead, supplied by Jehiel Gulick 2
Girard, W. P. Mosher..... 2
Hartford, G. F. Craig..... 1
Keeler and Silver Creek, Samuel Irwin 1
Kinderhook, W. W. Aylesworth. 3
Lawrence, to be supplied.
Lawton, A. S. Williams..... 3
Marcellus, G. W. Gosling..... 2
Mattawan, J. H. Emmons..... 4
Niles, Lewis Grosenbaugh 5
Paw Paw, E. O. Mather..... 1
Pokagon, W. J. Douglass 5
St. Joseph, James Hamilton..... 2
Stevensville, C. F. Brown..... 2
Sherwood, A. W. Mumford* 1
Sturgis, R. H. Bready 1
Three Oaks, J. H. Bennett..... 1
Three Rivers, W. A. Frye 1
Union City, F. A. Chapman..... 2
Vandalia, J. N. Dayton..... 2
White Pigeon, G. A. Brown..... 4

J. G. Ruoff, Missionary to Mexico. John D. Bird, Missionary in Utah.

Left without appointment to attend one of our schools: Matthew Mullen, Jr., Lewis H. Manning, Wm. A. Johnson, Ralph Newman, Selden B. Ford, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Edward J. Bradner, W. H. Phelps, Joseph F. Peschman, Wm. A. Robinson, H. L. Rood, A. A. Geiger, L. L. Thomas.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Claims on the Conference Fund,	$24,650.00

RECEIPTS.

Collections in Churches	$6,329.80
Book Concern	2,371.00
Methodist Publishing Co	2,116.25
Chartered Fund	22.00
Parkhurst Fund	18.55
Pierce Fund	30.57
Bissell Fund	178.00
Martha J. Van Horn Fund	17.50
Preacher's Saving Fund Society Fund	87.50
Christman and Clark Fund	35.00
Conference Collection	68.96
Cash on hand	11.31
Total	$11,286.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing, Postage and Stationery	$18.87
Distributed to Claimants	11,253.00
Cash on hand	14.57
Total	$11,286.44

D. D. MARTIN,
Secretary.

G. W. GOSLING,
Chairman.

MINISTERS.

Names.	Postoffices.	Amt. Pd.
Bacon, E. D.	Grand Rapids, 286 8th Av.	$50
Barnes, G. S.	Petoskey	60
Bennett, L. M.	Ann Arbor, 19 Elizabeth St.	115
*Berry, J.	Lake City	
Bowen, J. R.	Lyons	45
Brockway, N. L.	Muskegon	180
Clark, T. T.	G. Rapids, 868 Ridge Ave.	180
Colby W. M.	Parma	135
Cook, W. T.	Glendale, Arizona	157
Cooley, E.	Marshall	185
Crawford, R. C.	Byron	136
Donaldson, Geo.	Gobleville	90
Draper, J.	Hart	22
Dunton, A. A.	Shackelsford, Va.	70
Earl, L. W.	Benton Harbor	135
Edmonds, L. M.	Oconto Falls, Wis.	140
Eldred A. J.	Traverse City	160
Engle, David	Petoskey	45
Fisher, C. H.	Marcellus	140
Fox, C. S.	Bay City, 1710 9th St.	140
Garlick, L. M.	Albion, 412 Fitch St.	92
Griffin, L. J.	Albion	90
Gulick. J.	Gilead	45
Hamilton, S. L.	Los Angeles, Cal., 1000 W. 8th St	90
Harder, J. S.	Nashville	48
Haviland, D. S.	Lake View	135
Henderson, H. P.	Albion, 212 W. Ash St.	46
Hewitt, S. P.	Kewadin	47
Hicks, G. S.	Sherman	92
Hill, T. J.	Phœnix. Arizona	47
Hills, J.	Bismarck	112
Hollister, G. E.	Howell	90
Hollowell, J. W.	Roscommon	95
Horner, J. W.	Grand Rapids	67
Howe, C. H.	Luther	90
Hoyt, J.	Kinderhook	90
Jacokes, T. H.	Eaton Rapids	180
*Johnson W. W.	Grand Rapids, Buckeye St.	
Jordan, H. D.	Albion, 411 Fitch St.	$112
Ketcham, A. E.	South Haven	45
Knappen A. A.	Albion	67
Latham, D. R.	Preston, Kan.	112
Lee, G. D.	Whittier, Cal.	135
Marzolf, Jacob	Lake View	135
Mason, Uri	Otsego	90
Nix, F. H.	Clare	46
Oden, J. R.	San Diego, Cal.	135
Odle, E. L.	Reed City	70
Paddock, W. M.	Bronson	161
Pengelly, R.	Kalamazoo, 434 Elm St.	45
Pitezel, J. H.	Norwalk, Ohio	160
Pratt. B. S.	Grand Ledge	135
Prouty, W. A.	Midland	112
Rawlinson, J. W.	Grandville	90
Riley, Thomas	Lansing	114
Rork. W. W.	Agnew	135
*Riehl, D. C.	Detroit, 848 Putnam Ave.	100
Sherman. G. W.	Gd. Rapids, 961 Griggs Ave.	112
Stark, J. K.	Midland	135
Steel, S.	Northport	190
Stevens, E. G.	Cranesville, Pa.	112
Swift, W. J.	Lansing	135
Tallman, I. B.	Watervliet	112
Tanner, J. H.	Big Rapids	135
Treadgold, E.	Luther	70
Wakefield, A.	Middleville	138
Ward, D. M.	Farmington	70
*Welch, R. C.	Chicago, Ill. 196-198 E. Washington St.	
White, J. E.	Middleville	25
Whitman, B. H.	Charlevoix	95
Woodard, D. C.	Ovid	45
Webster, James	Albion	135
Young, E, D.	Battle Creek 124 N. Mich. Ave	190
Younglove, W. N.	Parkville	67

WIDOWS.

Names.	Postoffices.	Amt. Pd.
Aldrich, Mrs W. J.	G. Rapids, 401 Lyon St.	$ 90
Ambrose, Mrs. J. C.,	Auburn, Cal.	70
Ball, Mrs. W. M.	Albion, 1102 Mich. Ave.	58
Bangs, Mrs. F. B.	Eaton Rapids	45
Beard, Mrs. E.	New York City 53 E. 87th St.	50
Bignell, Mrs. G.	Smyrna	90
Boynton, Mrs. V. G.,	Mattawan	138
*Boynton, Mrs. J.	Stanton	
*Brockway. Mrs. W. H.,	Albion	
Burns, Mrs. D.	Albion	112
Camburn Mrs M. B.	Albion	40
Cawthorne, Mrs. J.	Milbrook	140
Clubine, Mrs. J.	Mosherville	112
*Cogshall, Mrs. I.	Coldwater	
Congdon, Mrs. T. J.	San Francisco, Cal. 813 Laguna St.	70
*Coplin, Mrs. W. M.	Saginaw E.	
Dissette, Mrs. E. H.	Albion, 1005 Perry St.	65
Doughty, Mrs. B. F.	Grand Rapids 24 Orchard Place	45
Elder, Mrs. W. W.	Indianapolis, Ind. 1411 Broadway	50
Elliott. Mrs. G. C.	Dowagiac	50
Fassett, Mrs. N.	Lansing 305 Townsend St.	140
Fitch, Mrs. A. M.	Elyria, Ohio, 6 W. 5th St.	45
Force, Mrs. J. P.	Galesburg	70
Foster, Mrs. W. S.	Poughkeepsie. N. Y. 16 Liberty St.	45
Gilbert, Mrs. G. L.	Marion. Ind. 603 S. Adams St.	70
Gillett, Mrs. D. D.	La Fayette, Ind.	95
Glass, Mrs. F.	G. Rapids, 623 Cherry St.	90
Greenstead, Mrs. J.	Traverse City	45
Hunsberger, Mrs, A.	Albion	50
Iddings, Mrs. J. T.	Albion	50
Jennings, Mrs. W.	Albion	67
Janes, Mrs. F. N.	Albion	50
Jones, Mrs. J.	Baltimore, Md. 500 N. Fulton Ave.	45
*Joy, Mrs. H. M.	G. Rapids, 80 Wash. St.	
Kitzmiller. Mrs. S.	Kalamazoo	45
Knott, Mrs. J. B.	Lansing, 169 Cedar St.	90
Marble, Mrs. E.	Harbor Springs	67
McCoy, Mrs. F. L.	Terre Haute. Ind. 648 N. 4th St.	25
McKee, Mrs. S. D.	Allegan	140
Mount, Mrs, N.	Hubbardston	112
Perrine, Mrs. W. H.	Valley City. N.D.	90
Reed, Mrs. J. W.	G. Rapids, 472 Turner St.	135
*Reid, Mrs. J. M.	New York City 59 E. 126th St.	
Roberts, Mrs. J.	Albion, 506 Mich. Ave.	140
Rolfe. Mrs. A. A.	Los Angeles, Cal. Sub Station 4	140
Smith, Mrs. M. I.	Petoskey	45
Smith, Mrs. M. W. F.	Albion	85
Steele, Mrs. N. M.	Albion	67
Taylor, Mrs. I.	Hillsdale	90
VanWyck, Mrs. A. J.	G. Rapids, 19 Green St.	88
Wightman, Mrs. I. R. A.	Albion	135
Wilson. Mrs. S. S.	Blanchard	67
Woodard. Mrs. S. C.	Ovid	135
Yokum, Mrs. A. H.	Osseo, Wis.	67

* Claim Relinquished. † Supernumerary.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

ALBION DISTRICT

Greenwood Ave	$90.00
Diamond Mission	90.00
Frontier	45.00
	$225.00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

WHITE WORK

Averill	$50.00
Ashton	80.00
Big Rapids Circuit	50.00
Barryton	80.00
Chase and Zion	80.00
Chippewa Lake	50.00
Crystal Valley	80.00
Harrison	70.00
Luther	40.00
Marion	70.00
Middle Branch	80.00
McClure	80.00
McBain	60.00
Stetson	80.00
Stanwood	40.00
Woodville and White Cloud	60.00
Cadillac Circuit	55.00
Hersey	45.00
Pierson and Sand Lake	50.00
Millbrook	40.00
Caldwell	40.00
Lake View	99.00
	$1,379.00

INDIAN WORK.

Calkinsville	$64.00
Leaton	80.00
Free Soil	55.00
Scottville	55.00
	$256.00

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	60.00
N. Muskegon	40.00
Hesperia	60.00
Holton	50.00
Pentwater	40.00
Benona	40.00
Spring Lake	60.00
Robinson	30.00
	$380.00

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Alanson	50.00
Alba	50.00
Alden	50.00
Bear Lake	70.00
Bellaire	40.00
Benzonia	70.00
Boone	60.00
Central Lake	50.00
Clarion	40.00
Cross Village	50.00
Copemish	90.00
East Jordan Circuit	80.00
Empire	67.00
Fife Lake	40.00
Frankfort	50.00
Inland	50.00
Ironton	50.00
Kalkaska	50.00
Kingsley	50.00
Levering	50.00
Mackinaw City	70.00
Manton	60.00
Old Mission	50.00
Sherman	50.00
South Boardman	50.00
Torch Lake	40.00
Traverse City, Second Church	100 00
Stittsville	50.00
Petoskey, Charlevoix Avenue	85.00
	$1,862.00

INDIAN WORK.

Northport and Indian Mission	$130.00
Kewadin and Petoskey	137.00
	$267.00

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Lacota	$80.00
Indian Work	76.00

LANSING DISTRICT.

Lyons	40.00
Sickles	40.00
Sethton	45.00
Crystal	40.00
	$165.00

NILES DISTRICT.

Galien	$72.00

I concur in the above.

JOHN H. VINCENT.

Sept. 21, 1897.

A.—THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Methodism is making progress—and yet not up to the opportunities of the hour, or the vast resources at command.

With fifty thousand members, seven hundred Sunday Schools, two hundred Local Preachers and a Conference of over three hundred in membership, the fruits of each year's labor ought to exceed ten-fold the record we make.

As a system to evangelize the world the Methodist church is unexcelled by any organized body of Christians in the whole extent of Christendom.

Not to succeed in this mission must ever reveal the withdrawal of the Divine favor.

Precious and powerful revivals in many of our charges—old time power in the awakening of sinners and sanctification of believers afford us the assurance that the God of our fathers has not forsaken us.

We learn that the District Camp Meetings have been attended with unusual manifestations of Divine power to sanctify believers and save the lost.

The meeting at Bay View which unites the interests of both Conferences in the State, although greatly embarassed by the sudden death of Dr. Davis, the chairman of its managment, was a season of special refreshment and profit to hundreds of souls.

As the chief health and educational resort of the Grand Traverse region it ought to receive larger patronage from the Methodism of the State.

Eaton Rapids Camp Meeting is a successful attempt to unite the Methodism of the State in promoting the vital doctrine of the Scriptures, that all believers may be made perfect in love in this life.

We rejoice greatly that many entered into this rest of faith during this meeting.

The tendency to employ specialists in revival work is greatly to be depreciated on many accounts.

Pastors sacrifice their hold on the people and the confidence of their members when they concede their incompetency by placing their most solemn trust in the hands of irresponsible specialists.

There is no minister called of God but can lead in the work of saving souls. He is appointed to this by the Holy Spirit in the covenant of his ordination and with the assistance of his brethren he may rejoice in the success of his ministry in turning many to righteousness.

From the report of the Presiding Elders we learn of the growth and usefulness of the Epworth League.

If this great army of our youth hold a loyal relation to organic Methodism—sustain with enthusiasm the unity and order of the Church

and cherish the deep experiences of vital godliness—the future of our Zion will be wonderful in the fruits of triumph through the cross of the blessed Redeemer.

We call the attention of the Conference to the importance of Sabbath observance by our people.

This question is becoming more and more the vital interest of our church in this commonwealth.

Nearly the whole western shore of this great state is becoming dotted with Health Resorts, where thousands from all parts of the country spend a portion of the summer. Chicago furnishes no small portion of this migratory class and the most of them trample on our laws enacted by our legislature to secure quiet and rest on the Lord's day.

It can be truthfully said the influence of the popular resorts of western and northern Michigan on our American Sabbaths is one of the most serious evils we have to encounter.

We believe one of the best agencies to repress this terrible curse is "The Sunday League of America."

Dr. Edward Thompson, son of Bishop Thompson, is general manager of this national organization in the interest of Sunday reform. The plans of this society can be obtained by correspondence with Dr. Thomson, who resides in Chicago, 2712 North Lincoln St.

We recommend him to your hospitality and pulpits to further his noble work.

A. J. Eldred, A. H. Coors, James Allen, George Bennett,
A. F. Hart.

B.—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee having examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and of the Presiding Elders, report that they are properly kept and correct.

John C. Beach,
Wm. L. Laufman.
A. F. Nagler.

C.—REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Methodism had its origin within the halls of a great University, and those with whom it originated, under God, were classical scholars. From its unique and princely origin and environments, Methodism was destined to be, and ever has been, the friend of Christian education. In this the attitude of the Church remains unchanged, while its zeal intensifies. The passing years witness the consecration of more money, the use of better facilities, abler educators in our institutions of learning,

and a larger number of our young men and women availing themselves of the splendid opportunities afforded for education. We are pleased to know that many of these institutions are enjoying great prosperity. Flattering reports of increasing prosperity come to us from Garret Biblical Institute, Drew Seminary and the Northwestern University, and in many respects the same is true of our own Albion College; to this college, now, may there be the consecration in larger measure of thought, prayer and money on the part of all of our people. Dr. Payne reports great excellence in the results of the University Senate and a hearty condition of the Board of Education. We recommend that the general educational collection in the Conference this year be given to Albion College, and we submit to you the following nominations: Trustees of Albion College, L. E. Lennox, G. M. Buck; trustees of Northwestern University, A. E. Craig; visitors to Albion College, R. S. McGregor, A. J. Wheeler; visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, J. I. Buell, alternate James Hamilton; visitors to DePaw University, L. N. Pattison; visitors to Boston University, D. D. Martin; visitors to Woman's College, Baltimore, N. L. Bray, M. M. Callen; members of Wesleyan Guild, J. F. Orwick, A. T. Luther.

D. F. Barnes, W. P. French, J. W. McAllister.

D.—REPORT.

(1.) We believe that total abstinence from all forms of intoxicating beverages is the imperative duty of every individual, and, in harmony with the uniform position of our Church for many years; we once more emphasize this duty as especially binding upon all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(2.) Believing, as we do, that the license system is ineffectual as a remedy, pernicious and corrupting in its effects, and that it inevitably makes the saloon in politics a potent force, we record our unwavering hostility to every form of license, high or low, for thereby the State, for a nominal consideration, consents to the continuance of the liquor traffic.

(3.) The local option method of dealing with the liquor traffic, we believe to be insufficient as a final remedy, but, without giving our endorsement to that method, we exhort all Methodists to avail themselves of every opportunity in local and county elections to strike a blow at this pernicious business, and to lend their aid to every effort in the direction of law enforcement.

(4.) As the liquor traffic is licensed in accordance with law made by Representatives who owe their election to the votes of the people, we hold that every citizen who by his voice or vote gives support to any political party pledged to the license policy, becomes himself morally res-

ponsible, to the extent of his influence, for the existence and continuance of that policy.

(5.) We reiterate the utterances of the General Conference of 1892, and, while agreeing with that body that it is not the province of the Church to dictate the political conduct of its adherents, we do endorse the sentiment expressed by that body, that no political party which stands committed to the license policy, or fears to antagonize the saloon, or finds it necessary to court the favor of the saloon, deserves or should receive the support of Christian men.

(6.) We recommend that increased attention be given to the subjects of temperance and prohibition in all our Sunday Schools, that pastors emphasize the teachings of the Church upon these topics, and that on every pastoral charge an effort be made in the line of systematic and persistent temperance work, under the joint auspices of the pastor and the Committee on Temperance.

J. F. Orwick, F. L. Niles, G. C. Draper, L. N. Pattison,
G. W. Tuthill.

E.—WOMAN'S WORK IN THE CHURCH.

Experience in the pastorate, in the prayer meeting attendance and fervency, the class meeting, the Sunday School lists of teachers and officers and even the official boards of our church all prove that Woman's Work in the Church is a very large work and that royally she is doing it. But these lines do not cover all the work that woman is doing in the work of the Church.

When the General Missionary Society of our Church seemed to be at a standstill in the Orient, God raised up the women, who came to its help, and the Zenana Doors were opened to the teaching of the Cross,and Heathen Womanhood was blessed with a dawn of a new and glorious day.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made appropriations of more than $326,000.00 for 1897. Every dollar of which will doubtless be raised. They have at present their representatives in Japan, Corea, China, Malaysia, Burmah, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America, Mexico and Peru, and sustain 152 missions, 750 Bible readers, 400 day schools, 11 orphanages and 10 training schools, 13 hospitals and dispensaries, 3 homes for homeless women, 14,000 pupils are cared for, 60,000 persons annually treated at its dispensaries. The publishing interests of this society are no less remarkable and astonishing.

The Woman's Missionary Friend has a circulation of 20,241. The Children's Missionary Friend 18,208. Der Fruend Mission Friend has a circulation of 2,882. Three papers are also published in India. Over 5,000 pages of missionary literature have been issued besides in the year 1896, and of this toward the world's redemption during a corporate ex-

istence of a little more than 13 years, but great as this work is, it is but a part of Woman's Work in the Church. The Woman's Home Missionary Societies' growth has not been quite so rapid and yet it is something wonderful. There have been hindrances in its way. The fact that nearly half of our missionary money, raised by the General Missionary Society, went to the home work, produced the feeling that this society was not needed, and made many feel that we were needlessly multiplying societies in the Church, yet in the face of predjudice this society of ladies has at present 75 Conference Organizations, 2,600 Auxillaries, 68,000 members of all classes.

For the accomodation of its various missions it has invested $450,000. Of this $225,000 is invested in city missions and deaconess homes. The society has 55 distinct missions with from one to fifteen workers in each, also 87 missionaries in the field, not including deaconesses and helpers. It has 16 industrial schools and homes in the South in which 1,200 girls are being instructed in industries and morals. Its missions in behalf of emigrants are situated at Boston, New York, Philadelphia and New Orleans.

Two promient homes should be mentioned, viz: Mother Jewell's Home at York, Neb., and the Watt DePuyster at Tivola, N. Y., in which 40 girls between the ages of 10 and 16 are being instructed. The total receipts of the Society from the beginning amount to $1,601,490, the income for last year amounted to $236,457. The Deaconess Movement, the youngest of all the different forms of labor for women in the Church is more and more proving its value for the carrying forward of God's Kingdom by organizing homes and training schools, thus preparing skilled nurses for the sick and visiting the neglected, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Has not God by these successes spoken to the Church as a whole. Has not their work demonstrated not only their ability but their fitness to have voice in the management in the Church of God and even represent us in the General Conference or anywhere else when the Church in its Godly judgment shall so select.

S. C. Strickland, A. H. Sturgis, Joshua White.

F.—PERIODICALS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has ever recognized the value of the press. And her present history shows that she has made commendable progress in this respect. We believe that she is abreast with the progressive spirit of the age.

It is with a feeling of honest pride, we note the quality, and the number of our periodicals and the increasing lists of subscribers. Yet with all this, we regret that too many of our homes are unprovided with religious papers. Too many entertain that false notion that they are too

poor to take a church paper, while providing without stint the secular press for the home. Our periodical literature is the equal of any now published, in quality and price. Certainly such a variety is published as to appeal to the varied tastes and satisfy the needs of our great Church.

The Review is worthy of special attention, its pages team with bright and living up-to-date subjects. We commend it to our ministry and every intelligent layman.

The New York and Northwestern Advocates and Epworth Herald are the best of their class.

The enlargement of the Classmate and Sunday School Advocate and their weekly issue will meet a want which has long been felt and ought to insure an effort for their increased circulation.

We are gratified for the promise of our publishers to improve the Sunday School Helps. As a church we ought to be supplied with the best.

We would not forget The Michigan Christian Advocate. We rejoice in its success. None speaks of it without commendation, and none read it without benefit.

We pledge ourselves to renewed effort in maintaining our papers, increasing their circulation, and will encourage every improvement, feeling that all these means are a power to develop the Christian life.

W. J. Hathaway, J. A. DeGraff, A. K. Stewart.

G.—THE REVIVAL BAND.

The Revival Band is an evangelistic corps now numbering 12 full members and 9 probationers. These consecrated men and women are doing blessed work for the Master. Many of our over-taxed pastors have they greatly helped in their soul saving work. About 25,000 persons have sought and professed to obtain pardon or heart purity as results of their labors. Three new charges and a number of new classes have been formed, and many weak churches strengthened and encouraged. The Band was organized eleven years ago. It ran three years, then partially ceased work for one year, then started again and has continued its work to the present time. The organization is of, by, and for Methodism, and should receive the hearty support of the Church.

Live Coals, the official organ of the Band, is published in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and we request the Bishop to appoint Rev. B. E. Paddock to the editorship of that paper.

T. T. George, A. O. Carman, M. F. Loomis.

H.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts report as follows:

It is impossible to over estimate the importance of Sabbath School work, especially when we consider that the only religious instruction of many thousands of the children of our land is that received during the Sabbath School hour.

We rejoice in the growth of the work in our branch of the Church. We have 31,121 schools, with an army of 360,633 officers and teachers, and 2,620,010 scholars. The number of conversions for 1896 was reported as 126,818.

For the greater efficiency of our Sunday School working force, we would recommend as far as practicable, the formation of teachers' meetings and normal classes on every charge.

Every Sunday School in our Church, both from the standpoint of loyalty and efficiency, should use the literature of our own Church. The Classmate, in its enlarged form, is at the head of Sunday School weeklies, and should be in the hands of all our young people.

We recommend the work of the Home Department as a means of introducing the study of the Bible to thousands, who, for various reasons do not attend our Sabbath Schools. Nearly one-half of our Charges report no collections for Sunday Schools and Tracts. In 1896 we gave $349. This year we are asked to raise $3,140.

Salvation, comfort and strength have come to the multitude of hearts through the wise distribution of religious tracts. Our Book Concern publishes a great variety adapted to all purposes. One-half of our collection may be returned to us in tracts. It would be a good thing for us as ministers, personally and through our Epworth League, to distribute these winged messengers of mercy and salvation.

This Society reinforces our foreign mission press by gifts of from six thousand to seven thousand dollars. The Society asks this Conference to raise $865. We recommend that the amount be approved, and that it be apportioned to the charges.

EDWIN TENCH, GEORGE KILLEEN, H. L. POTTER.

I.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League is becoming more and more recognized as an aggressive force in our Church. With more than a million and a half of young people organized for social, intellectual and spiritual development, and for aggressive Christian work, it cannot fail to become a power in the world, for Christ. In order to increase the efficiency of our young people of the League, we recommend that all our pastors urge the adoption of the Epworth League reading course. We also heartily commend

the Ludington Assembly as a valuable training school for Epworthians.

We would call attention to the Epworth Herald and commend its high character and helpful value to all our young people.

W. P. MOSHER, C. A. VARNUM, O. R. LOVEJOY.

J.—CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Your Committee on Conference Claimants desire to express their gratitude to God for the liberal manner in which our people have responded to the calls for aid in support of our Superanuates.

We regret, however, to report that while the needs and number of our Claimants has increased, the receipts for their relief will be $482 less than last year. We therefore most earnestly urge upon our pastors and churches the importance of this righteous cause, and to follow the plan adopted by the last General Conference as far as possible.

Let one day be set apart for this purpose and the apportionment raised in full.

Thus we will smooth and brighten the pathway of the men and women who, under God, laid the foundation of our beloved Methodism

GEO. KILLEEN, C. T. VAN ANTWERP, URI MASON.

K.—DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee find that but three of the districts of this Conference are organized into District Conferences, Big Rapids, Ionia and Niles. Of these, two had their Records on hand for inspection, viz: Big Rapids, W. A. Exner, Sec., and Niles, H. L. Potter, Sec.

These Records are approved for neatness and accuracy.

W. H. WRIGHT, F. A. VANDEWALKER, J. B. PEATLING.

L.—CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS SUPPORT.

Your Committee appointed to draft a plan for raising and distributing funds for Conference Claimants, report as follows:

Resolved—I. That all moneys received by the Conference for distribution in aid of the support of Conference Claimants shall be divided into two sums. The first shall be called the Conference Claimant's Fund, consisting of

1. The annual collection taken in the churches for this purpose.

2. Proceeds from the Chartered Fund, Parkhurst Fund, Pierce Fund, and Martha J. Van Horn Fund.

3. Dividends from the Book Concern. Dividends from the Methodist Publishing Company.

4. Specific gifts and bequests for this fund.

The Conference Claimant's Fund shall be distributed annually on the basis of necessities of Claimants.

The second shall be called the Special or Annuity Fund, which shall consist of

1. Interest on the moneys paid to the Conference Board of Trustees from the Preacher's Saving Fund Society.

2. Specific gifts and bequests for this fund.

The Special or Annuity Fund shall be distributed upon the following basis: Each superannuated minister shall be allowed annually $10 for each year of his effective service, each widow shall be allowed annually $5 for each year in which she was the wife of a minister during his effective service, each child under sixteen years of age of a deceased minister shall be allowed annually $2 for each year of the father's effective service.

These claims shall be paid pro rata from the moneys in hand by the Conference Board.

II. In addition to the funds above specified, we recommend that an assessment of one per cent. on salaries (exclusive of house rent) of effective members of the Conference be made, which shall go into the permanent fund, the interest of which is to be paid into the annuity fund annually. Provided that no member shall share in the proceeds of this fund except in proportion as he has contributed to it.

III. All trust funds named or involved in this plan shall be administered by the trustees of the incorporated Michigan Conference. Said trustees through their treasurer, or such other officer as they may select, shall pay annually to the Board of Stewards all accrued interest or income from said funds. Provided always that said treasurer or other officer shall have given a good and sufficient bond conditioned on the faithful performance of his duties.

IV. That the board of stewards be empowered to disallow, in whole or in part, any application because of adequate means of support. Provided that in case the applicant is dissatisfied with the action of the board, he or she may appeal to the Conference.

V. That in all cases of doubt concerning the needs of claimants, the board of stewards shall consult the pastor and presiding elder where the claimant resides, before making an appropriation.

VI. That we strenuously urge upon the Conference Committee on Conference Claimants the importance of setting apart some day during the year, to be known as "Conference Claimant's day," upon which this cause shall be presented to each congregation, as provided in the Discipline.

VII. That we request the committee on public worship at the An-

nual Conference to provide for a Conference Claimant's anniversary during the conference, as provided in the Discipline.

F. L. Thompson, James Hamilton, G. C. Draper, P. J. Maveety, Wm. Denman, E. G. Lewis, N. L. Bray.

M.—FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We cannot over estimate the importance and great worth of the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. The work is great and blessed.

The amount apportioned to this Conference to be used for this Society the coming year is $3,500, and we recommend the apportionments of this amount in the same way as other church benevolences and recommend an earnest effort to secure the full amount apportioned.

D. F. Barnes. J. G. Crozier.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Believing the Bible to be the Word of God, the bulwark of Protestantism, the foundation of the Christian Church, the inspiration of the Christian Ministry and the basis of all true reform, and,

Whereas, The American Bible Society, though undenominational in its character, is practically the only organization by which the Methodist Episcopal Church can do anything for the multiplication and circulation of the Scriptures in our own land and especially in the foreign mission fields, which it does by furnishing missionaries with Bibles by which they can supply the schools and the churches with copies of the Word in the language of the people and for the employment of Bible colporteurs and in the establishment of Bible agencies where intimate and helpful relations are indispensible to the success of foreign mission work, and,

Whereas, During the past year the Bible Society expended over $200,000 in foreign lands, and put into circulation the largest number of copies of the Bible it has ever done in any one year, and,

Whereas, The Bible Society finds itself embarrassed for want of funds to meet the demands of the work, and without a more generous response from the churches, the work must be sadly crippled in the near future, therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our loyal support to the American Bible Society by carrying out the action of the last General Conference, not to omit the collection for the Bible Cause from the list of collections that we are required to take.

F. W. Corbett, James B. Pinckard, Wm. W. Slee.

N.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

Report not received.

BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE DEACONESS' HOME.

On March 2d, 1897, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Managers was held in the Home, for the purpose of considering the important question of establishing a Training School in connection with the Home. At this meeting nearly every Methodist pastor in the city was present. It was decided by a unanimous vote to open a Training School October 1st, 1897. The Superintendent was instructed to send a circular letter throughout the Conference urging the pastors and others to secure for it a liberal patronage.

The Training School will admit young ladies who are members of any evangelical church; and in its system of training, will combine theory with practice.

The entire cost to the individual, including tuition, lectures, furnished rooms, board, laundry, and text-books, will be $3 per week. Each student will be expected to share in the care of the Home.

Any person, or church, may become responsible for the board of a student at the cost of $100 per year.

The school year begins Oct. 1st and closes on June 1st.

The success of this enterprise will depend very largely on the support which Presiding Elders, Pastors and others give it.

Quite a large corps of instructors have already been secured. Twelve Doctors of Divinity, and other preachers, and several physicians have already consented to give courses of lectures on special themes.

Four Deaconesses have been connected with the Home this year, besides the Superintendent, Misses Schenck, Bell, Goodenough, and Cummings.

The first half of the year Miss Schenck was with the Plainfield Ave. church, and the last half with Second St. In response to a call by Dr. Graham, Miss Bell on Jan. 10th was sent to open work in the slum portions of Jackson. She has had much success in that work.

Miss Goodenough has continued to work on the itinerant plan, answering any call of need in any locality. Answering to a request from Buffalo, she was transferred to the Buffalo Deaconess' Home in June last. Resolutions of appreciation were passed and ordered sent to her.

By invitation of the Board, Miss Irene Cummings was transferred to us from the Washington Home early in July. She has proved herself to be a faithful and devoted worker, and is at present with Epworth church in Grand Rapids.

Misses Schenck and Cummings have been recommended by their re-

spective Quarterly Conferences for license, and we expect that they will be consecrated Deaconesses at this Conference.

There is still a debt of $400 on the building, including some extensive repairs on the building and grounds. This sum, however, it is thought, can be easily wiped out during the coming year.

J. I. BUELL, L. E. LENNOX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALBION COLLEGE.

Brethren:—The College year of 1896-7 closed the 24th of June last, at which time thirty-one students graduated from the college of Liberal Arts, twenty-six of these receiving the Bachelor's Degree, and five the Master's Degree. Eight persons were granted Diplomas of graduation from the Conservatory of Music, and twenty-three from the Commercial School, making sixty-two in all. Also seventeen were given State Teacher's Certificates from the State Board of Education.

During the first two of the four years of business depression the attendance of students was the largest in the history of the institution, which can be said of very few colleges in these Western States. But during the years 1895-6 and 1896-7 the number of students has been somewhat diminished, particularly the last year. It is a significant fact that while the aggregate attendance was reduced, the freshman class, consisting principally of new students received from the High Schools of the State, kept up to the highest mark. A large proportion of the student body are young men and women who either personally earn the money to support themselves in college, or come from families of moderate means. Students needing to labor during the vacation—and these comprise the majority of the whole number—have found it difficult to get remunerative employment, and hence an unusually large proportion have been compelled to drop out of school till times improve. This condition of things has resulted in an unusual falling off in attendance upon some of the departments, such as the Conservatory of Music, and the Commercial School, where special fees are charged for tuition.

The aggregate attendance of students the past year was 477, of this number 227 were in the College of Liberal Arts, 92 in the Preparatory School, and the balance were registered in the Conservatory of Music, School of Painting and the Business Department.

The demands made on the treasury of the institution have for some years been greater than our income. To keep up with leading colleges of the country in the quality and extent of work done, a certain measure of outlay has been a strict necessity. Without this the patronage would shrink, and the school prove a failure. In considering the difficulties in our way two or three facts must be taken into account. The percentage

of interest on loans has gradually been lowered during the last score, or more of years. The past year it has been found impossible to get more than an average of 5½ per cent. for money which at one time would bring 8 or 10 per cent. Formerly two hundred thousand dollars would bring in as much income as three hundred thousand to-day. Recently it has not been possible in many cases to collect the interest when due. Parties must be given more time or the mortgages foreclosed, and perhaps the property bid in by the institution.

Again while the aggregate annual income from students' fees in the last score of years has increased from $3.000 to $15,000 in '95 (the gross amount being $11,000 in '97) these fees do not exceed one-third of the necessary running expenses of the institution. We have increased these fees as much as we dared to do—the incidental fees being $15 a year up to 1893, but now $21 a year, yet this is only one-third of the actual cost to the institution of the education of each student, and this by keeping down the cost to the lowest possible figure. It is evident we must depend upon the endowment fund for the remaining two-thirds—the amount needed over and above the student's fees. Sixty dollars a year is a very moderate sum for the institution to expend on each student,—to pay salaries of faculty, librarian and janitors, to provide fuel and lights, to purchase books, periodicals and apparatus, to keep up repairs, &c.

In the meantime the convenience and appliances of the institution have been largely increased. The three main or general buildings have been reconstructed and adapted to educational work. The central one of these buildings, which had been used for dormitory purposes, has been entirely remodeled and arranged for the conservatory of music, general recitation and lecture rooms, the biological laboratory and museum. The library has been increased from 2,000 to 11,275 bound volumes, with a large supply of unbound material, and the quarters occupied by the library enlarged.

The natural history and botanical museum has been created, the mineralogical and paleontological museum greatly enlarged, a biological laboratory equipped, an astronomical observatory and a chemical laboratory built and equipped, and a gymnasium, with quarters for the janitor's family constructed.

In the meantime the character of the institution has greatly changed. Fifteen years ago the number of students in the preparatory department was three and one-half times as large as in the College of Liberal Arts; today the students in college classes number two and a half times as many as those in the preparatory. Formerly the institution was mostly a preparatory school, it is now distinctively a college with a preparatory department serving as a feeder.

At that time only occasionally did graduates of the high school find

their way to the college; now three-fourths of the freshman's class are high school graduates.

What are the needs of the college?

1. Larger endowments. These endowments—general or of special chairs—should be increased year by year. There is no such thing as the completion of endowments, for new and further demands must continually arise if the institution keeps up with the times.

2. It needs largely increased and rapidly increasing appliances, such as books, physical apparatus, &c.

3. It needs a ladies' hall, a hall provided for the use of young ladies whose parents prefer to have them occupy quarters in such a building, rather than room in private families.

4. Aside from a library building, a physical science hall is needed, the same to be equipped with modern apparatus for study and investigation in the wide domain of the physical world. Yet it will be borne in mind that every new building erected entails additional financial burdens through the increase of running expenses. Hence and foremost it is necessary that larger provision be made for meeting current expenses.

The principal changes in the faculty are as follows: Professor Samuel D. Barr has resigned the chair of mathematics and Mr. Henry Benner elected his successor.

The chair of economics and political science has been created, and Professor Dwight B. Waldo transferred to the same, and Mr. Smith Burnham elected to the chair of history, made vacant by this transfer.

The president of the college has resigned, but still occupies the position as no successor has yet been chosen.

The terms of office as trustees of George M. Buck and Rev. Amos M. Gould expire at this session. Will you please fill these vacancies and also appoint visitors to the institution.

L. R. Fiske, President.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

ALBION DISTRICT.

In surveying the work of this conference year, the ministers of Albion District are thankful to God for the health they have enjoyed. We have not been hindered by sickness, no minister has fallen at his post, no home has been shadowed by death. The revival spirit has prevaded manifestly most of the churches. Special services were held in all the charges from three to five weeks. In the early winter Battle Creek led, the three pastors uniting, the meeting was spiritual and profitable, the churches were strengthened and a number of souls saved. Jackson Methodism followed, under the leadership of Messrs. Potter and Miller; also Concord, Homer, Parma, Leslie, Sonoma, each held meetings and were visited by the spirit of power. This mention but signifies the rest. All our pastors held extra meetings, with a measured profit. Some of the ministers will fall short of their stipend, which allowance is small at the best; this is a hardship, nor is it to be set down to unfaithfulness or incompetency of pastors, some of our faithful men will suffer. The stringency of the times has had something to do with this, but most of all, lack of attention to church finance and a failure to apply business principles to church temporalities. Church property has received attention. It is all in a fair state of preservation with but few exceptions. In the early part of the year Pope Church was dedicated, free of debt. It is a commodious Gothic structure, with ample accommodations for that community, in taste and finish representative. Tekonsha remodeled the old house of worship into a new one at a cost of $600 and is substantially out of debt. Albion Church has replaced the old carpet with a new one, at a cost of $500.00. Ida Styles Memorial Church has paid $500.00 on its indebtedness. Assyria, Mosherville, Partello, Lee Center, Greenwood Ave., Upton Ave., Springport, North Parma, Cooper St., and Marshall are among the churches that either by paint or paper have beautified their houses of worship. Jackson First Church has purchased a parsonage with ample accommodation for a minister's family, worth $3,000. This is partially secured by subscription. The remainder will not embarrass that society. Unusual care and conscious methods have been put into effect to secure the benevolent collection. The gloomy outlook which attended the business and agricultural portion of the district until two months since, has interfered with returns. I am not sanguine that we have raised more this year than last, yet there are reasons for hope, when the showing is made, Albion District will not fall short of former years.

The Epworth League is demonstrating more and more its power to live and the wisdom of Divine appointment that called it into existence. What this young life needs, however, is wisdom to guide, proper literature to instruct, and to possess in itself the elements of vital Godliness.

In the Sunday School department of our work the families of the church are well represented. Some of the schools have had revivals, the teachers are spiritual, orthodox and painstaking. Our own literature is used in nearly all of our schools, yet it is to be regretted there are exceptions. Why should any set of officers, to save a few paltry pennies, put before the children anything but the best, in books, lesson helps, or papers, and it goes without argument that our own have been proven the best. A broader missionary spirit prevading our schools would be an advantage and great gain to the foreign field. Some of them are out of touch with the mission enterprise because the leaders are not in touch with this heart burden of the church. The Deaconess in Jackson has done much of her work in Diamond Mission. The field is untoward, yet has afforded large opportunity to rescue fallen character. The result justifies the boldness of our venture. The camp meeting held on Albion ground was up to its usual standard — in some things surpassing. The attendance through the week was about as in former years. Sunday the audience went beyond anything seen on that ground. Dr. Fisk, Brn. Eldred and Potter gave us help on the Sabbath. Otherwise the men on the District did the preaching, which was sound, pungent and spiritual. Fifty were reclaimed and converted. Our expenses all paid, plus $100 in the treasury.

Albion College has had an eventful year. Two things have contributed to this. The lack of resources and the resignation of Pres. Fisk, and yet another thing, a floating debt of $7,000, the interest of which drains the life out of the institution. Albion College will never do its best work, nor stand where God intended, until the Methodism of Michigan rises and takes it from under this incubus. The institution has grown under the incumbency of the retiring president. It has an assured future and room for expansion, equal to any college in our connection. The Trustees are looking for a President. Give them time! A mistake now would be fatal! We want a man larger than the place! And for twenty-five years mediocracy is not the aim of the Board. Have patience! Give us the student, give us a good educational collection, give us your prayer! Give us the heart of Michigan Methodism, then its sympathies turned like a great search light upon that seat of learning, will see Albion College, the center of intellectual, moral and spiritual power, spending its resources to make better citizens, better men and women, stronger ministers of Christ, and giving to all, without distinction, the highest style of manhood.

JOHN GRAHAM.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Dear Bishop, Fathers and Brethren:—

The year now closing has been to us, varied in its experiences, but rich in its blessings and generous in its results. The success with which the labors of the year have been crowned, calls forth most heartily thanksgiving to Almighty God. It is very gratifying in making my third annual report to be able to say that the Big Rapids District is more than holding its own in these strenuous times.

The pastors of the district have rendered faithful service this year, as the reports will show. Generally our ministers have enjoyed good health, none have died, a few were interrupted by sickness. The health of Rev. E. L. Odle gave way after serving the Marion Charge three months and was relieved of the work, Rev. Frank McCluney succeeding him in the pastorate.

Rev. J. D. Bird, of Free Soil, took seriously ill in the midst of his pastorate; rest did not restore his health and he was therefore compelled to give up work. He is now in Utah in hopes to recruit his health. Rev. M. Rozell supplied Free Soil during the remainder of the year. Rev. S. Snyder, of Hersey Charge, owing to the serious illness of his wife, asked to be relieved of his work about the 1st of June, intending to go west. Having reached a certain town in Illinois on his journey; he lost a horse, in consequence returned to Michigan, asks work, preferring, owing to his wife's health, a charge in the southern part of the Conference. Rev. Thomas Thompson, a student at Evanston, supplied the Hersey Charge with very great acceptability during the remainder of the year.

In May, Rev. A. N. Henne left his work, embarrassed on account of domestic infelicities, placing his parchments and a letter of withdrawal from the Conference and ministry in my hands. Rev. H. E. Walker supplied, quite acceptably, the Barryton work the balance of the year.

In April last Rev. W. L. Davison, of Greenville, was transferred to a charge in the New York East Conference, and the Rev. Addis Albro, D. D., of said Conference, was transferred to the Michigan Conference and stationed at Greenville. Dr. Albro has already won his way to the hearts of the people of Greenville Charge by his preaching ability and genial spirit.

Two homes have been visited by the death angel. That of Brother and Sister N. P. Brown, of Luther, who lost a precious child about four months old, and Brother and Sister O. R. Lovejoy, of Big Rapids, in the loss of their first born and only child, Robert Campbell.

It is to the credit of our laymen that they have shown very little disposition to cut down ministerial claims, or neglect the needs of the

local Church. Salaries have generally been maintained at the old figure. a few having made an advance over last year.

Some progress has been made in reducing church debts and if the same course is persistently followed, a few years will witness a marked decrease in these burdensome obligations.

First church, Ludington, reduced its debt about $2,000; Cadillac $700 and $200 improvements on parsonage, etc., and others in smaller sums.

Third Avenue church, Big Rapids, which had outgrown its accommodations, has built an addition more than doubling its capacity; cost about $1,000, all provided for, mostly paid. This church is unusually prosperous.

Other valuable improvements to property have been made at other points in the District, not so costly as those mentioned, but not less needed, nor less to be commended.

During the year a new house and twenty acres of land has been bought at Sylvan, on the Middle Branch Charge, one built at Stetson, on the Stetson Charge, and another at Hersey with one acre of land. Much credit is due brothers Walker and Snyder and the pastors in securing these valuable and comfortable homes.

No new churches have been dedicated this year. Several churches are nearly completed, and before winter we anticipate will be dedicated.

The pastors have for the most part done their best to raise the apportionments for benevolences. Some charges have fallen short; others have exceeded the amount raised last year. I am looking for a slight increase over last year's offering. However, to hold our own is a large success in times like these.

Bank failures at Big Rapids and Mt. Pleasant crippled the societies somewhat. Both these churches have done nobly, increasing the offering of last year.

The Epworth League continues to be a strong and growing agency within the bounds of our district. Leagues are organized in nearly every charge, on some circuits several chapters. Our District Convention, held last May in Reed City, was said to be the most largely attended, enthusiastic and helpful of any ever held on the district.

The Epworth Assembly at Ludington was a success again this year. The attendance on the increase and the receipts from program larger than former years. The outlook for growth and usefulness is still bright and hopeful.

The Sunday Schools of the District are in a growing and prosperous condition. A number of new schools have been established and several so-called union schools organized under the Methodist Discipline.

Many of the charges of the district have introduced the new and cheaper edition of our Hymnal and adopted the new order of service.

The time limit effects but one minister of our forty-three, the Rev. A. H. Coors, of Clare, whose fifth year is possibly the best of a very successful pastorate.

We are glad to record that the spirit of revival on the District, has been wide-spread and powerful. To review this work would take me through, almost, the entire list of Churches under my care, for the revival flame has spread in every direction, and at some points, especially Cadillac, 200; Big Rapids Cir., 100; Calkinsville, 70; Farwell, 60; Sears, 75; and many others 50 each, aggregating about 1200. The revival fire broke out early in the year, and despite an exciting campaign, and the storms of winter, burned on like forest fire, till at times many churches were ablaze with its glory.

Our District Camp Meeting was a great success. Thirty tents more on the ground this year than last, the attendance much larger, the services deeply spiritual, conversions at almost every service, variously estimated from 75 to 100.

In a closing sentence allow me to express my deepening sense of gratitude to the brethren of the District, for their many kindnesses to me, and to God, who has kept me safely "under the shadow of His wings" through all the toils, trials and passing months of the year.

L. E. Lennox.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

In summarizing the work on Coldwater District for the past year, I wish, first of all to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord in preserving the families of the pastors in life and health. With the exception of Brother and Sister G. R. Millard, whose infant son died in August, all the pastors' homes have been shielded from the Destroyer. Brother J. G. Ruoff, whose wife was supposed to be dying from consumption, accompanied her to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where as I have just learned from him she seems to have recovered her health.

In reporting the work of our people on Coldwater District, I am happy to state that in every particular called for by our statistical tables we have made most praiseworthy progress. The revivals of the year, though not as wide-spread as those of the preceding year, have been, as I believe, more solid, and will tend to more of real Christian character and strength.

I think the statistics will show that our membership exceeds 5,000 and a probationary list of more than 500. The Sunday Schools and Epworth and Junior Leagues also show a commendable growth in membership and in love and service to the church.

Despite the financial paralysis during most of the Conference year, troublesome church and parsonage debts have been paid as follows: South

Butler, $130; Cambria, $300: Coldwater, $595; Gilead, $80; Hillsdale, $275; Jonesville, $100; Kinderhook, $130; Osseo, $550; Pittsford, $220; Reading, $300; Sherwood, $275; Sturgis, $100; Union City, $310; Waldron, $110; Centerville, Constantine, Quincy and White Pigeon have reduced indebtedness to the minimum or in toto, and the pastor at North Adams has nearly secured its indebtedness of $600 in good subscriptions. Our beautiful church at Findley, Burr Oak charge, was dedicated November 22nd, its entire cost, $2,000, provided for and nearly paid. Then its membership was ten; now it has a live membership exceeding thirty. The church and parsonage at Bronson have been attractively improved at a cost of nearly $300, all paid. The parsonages at Girard and Ransom have been improved at an expense of $200. The auditorium of our church at Pittsford has been beautified at a cost of $500 all secured. A new $150 organ has been placed in the Sturgis church; also one costing $800 in the Union City church. This church has likewise been furnished with electric lights and a new furnace. Burlington and Centreville have improved their church and parsonage property. The parsonage at Colon has also been improved. This charge from which Leonidas was detached last Conference pays its pastor nearly as much as he received from the entire territory last year, and raises all its benevolent apportionments in full.

At Frontier, where eighteen months ago we did not have two dozen members, we now have a membership of 104, and a Church property worth $3,000 nearly paid for. So also our Church at Osseo, has an attractive edifice whose cost of improvement, over $1,200, is nearly all cancelled.

The receipts for missions, education and all the other benevolences are in advance of last year.

If I were asked to epitomize the causes which have immediately conduced to the peace and prosperity throughout the District, I would name the apostolic preaching of our pastors, increasing interest in the regular means of grace, family prayer, the class and prayer meetings, more earnest attention to Bible study in the Sunday Schools, and the meetings of the Epworth and Junior Leagues, the wider circulation of our Church periodicals and literature, the two meetings of our Ministerial Association characterized by brotherly unity and pentecostal power, the splendid District Convention of the Epworth League, the notable conventions of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, the Camp Meeting at Peninsula Grove, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

R. W. VanSchoick.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—The property interests of the District have been enlarged considerably during the year.

The long standing debt upon the Ashland Church has been fully paid.

Ames Church in Grand Rapids, has been enlarged and repaired by the addition of a transept which enlarges the seating capacity as well as makes possible a more effective Sunday School.

Plainfield Avenue in Grand Rapids, has built a parsonage which has few superiors as a Pastor's home. This was largely made possible through the liberality of Rev. Dr. S. B. Smith, a superannuate member of the Cincinnati Conference, but who resides within this Charge.

Holland has a new Church under way, and will in the near future have a building commensurate with the interests of Methodism in that growing city.

A new Church is being erected at Hesperia, where it has long been needed, and will replace the old, small, and uninviting building which for years has not met the needs of the Society.

On the Irving Charge a new Church has been built and dedicated at a point near the center of Rutland township, and here, where but a few months since we had no society, no property and no appointment, we now have a large and growing society, and a congregation which fills the Church even when it is known that the Presiding Elder is to preach.

The debt has been paid in full upon the Robinson parsonage.

A new Church is under way at Cranston, on the Shelby Charge, the wall of which is being laid at this time.

Last spring the Church in Wayland was burned to the ground by incendiaries, as is believed, but cannot be proved. The trustees were actually raising money to pay for insurance at the very time of the fire, but had not yet secured the protection, hence we were without insurance. The society which a few days before thought themselves unable to raise money for insurance "in these times," promptly resolved to rebuild. In connection with the Pastor, I raised among the people a subscription of several hundred dollars within two hours; to this the pastor has secured large additions, until it was counted safe to proceed with the building. Assisted by Rev. Geo. B. Kulp and other ministers they laid the corner stone of the new Church on August 10th, thirty years to a day after the dedication of the old Church. The frame is now up and the roof is being put on. Many other improvements have been made in property matters, some perhaps as deserving of notice as those indicated herein.

In January last Frederic N. Janes, pastor at Middleville, died. I secured for the vacant pastorate, the Rev. J. C. Dorris, an elder of the Oklahoma Conference, who had been left without appointment to attend

school; he has since, by the consent of Bishop Vincent, been transferred by Bishop McCabe to this Conference.

Mrs. R. C. Crawford, wife of one of our superannuated brethren, well known to you; Mrs. R. Sapp, widow of the late Rezin Sapp of this Conference, and a child of Brother Sincleir, pastor at Shelby, have died during the year.

The Benevolences will hardly be full, although the revival of business will bring into these treasuries large sums which I had thought were beyond our reach. Division St. has exceeded its apportionment by $100. During the larger part of the year any attempt to collect for these precious interests was in many places met with the repetition of the well worn phrase, "In these times!" But even our farmer brethren realize that the skies are brightening.

Many of the pastors will not be paid in full. To our shame be it said that some charges demand a change of pastors, for no other reason than their belief that a removal of the pastor settles the salary account.

Conversions have occurred in goodly numbers, not so many as last year, but probably not less than eight hundred souls have been converted at our altars, and after making good all losses by death, withdrawals and other causes, our membership will be increased by nearly three hundred.

At the last session the case of T. R. Rible was referred to me for investigation during the year; this action was taken late in the session, and while I protested that there were grave reasons why I ought not to preside in such an investigation, the protest was disregarded and I was so appointed. No one has appeared to complain against Brother Rible, and probably no one competent to testify against him knows of anything actionable against him.

I deposited his parchments and his request to be allowed to withdraw with our Secretary last fall; and shall at the proper time, move that he be allowed to withdraw under complaints, as per Sec. 235 of Discipline.

Last fall J. M. Wright was at his own request left without appointment to attend school and did for a time attend the Garrett Biblical Institute. Certain rumors and reports coming to me, I informed him of their nature, and after a time he sent me a letter of withdrawal from the Conference, and promised to send me his parchments, but has not done so up to this time. I shall move for a committee of inquiry in this case; meanwhile I shall deposit his letter of withdrawal with the Conference, although I have received a demand from Mr. Wright that it be returned to him. I have taken the ground that the Conference only can so return the paper. Mr. Wright informs me that he will be present at this session.

I have received requests from not less than ten ministers in Canada to present their cases to you for admission, as well as one application each

from the Protestant Episcopal, Reformed, United Brethren, and Congregational Churches, but have in every instance discouraged these applicants, hence they are not here with their requests.

If in your Godly judgment the Conference is suffering from this intolerable assumption of right to speak for the Conference, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand."

W. I. COGSHALL.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Through the blessing of God we are able to report a year of success on this field. God has been with us in great mercy and in power. Many charges have taken on strength in many ways. Seven of them each need two men next year to do the work given to one in the past.

More than half of the pastors have suffered a reduction in their salaries this year.

With scarce an exception the pastors of the District deserve extended mention of their sacrifices and faithfulness.

A large per cent. of our official members are found regularly in the social means of grace.

Two churches have been dedicated. One at Traverse City, the Second M. E. church, costing $1,200, and one at Copemish worth $1,000. Both of these will be paid for when the pledges are turned into cash. Our brethren of Petoskey have purchased and paid for two mission churches.

A new church has been begun at Monroe, on what will be the Levering charge; the Epworth church on the Charlevoix circuit; the Bethel church on the Kalkaska charge, and one at Thompsonville. Thus six church enterprises have been inaugurated. Frankfort and Charlevoix will be ready for re-opening soon. New churhces at Barnard and Grawn will also soon be ready for dedication.

Besides these, funds have been contributed for the improvement of church and parsonage property or the payment of debts as follows: At Mackinaw City, Cross Village, Ironton, East Jordan, Boyne City, Norwood, Bellaire, Alden, Fife Lake, Joyfield, South Frankfort, Burdickville and Northport. Two cheap parsonages have been purchased; one at Levering and one at Boon. We have paid in all for these purposes $5,500.

There are 2,000 members of the Epworth League in our fields. This arm of the service is in a healthy condition and is very helpful in all departments of Christian work. Our Indian League reported one year ago is still in in a thriving condition.

The Indians have made special progress in self- support and in contribution to the regular benevolences.

Two camp meetings were held for them with good results. The Indians exceedingly enjoy their annual camp meetings. A camp-meeting was also held on the Frankfort camp ground, with a larger attendance than ever.

We have nothing very flattering to say of our District gatherings. Our territory is so large that some persons would have to travel a hundred miles to attend such meetings when located in the most convenient places.

Some of the fathers dwell among us, but they appear to be making no arrangments for an early transfer to "the sun-bright clime."

Brother Steele, after sixty-five years of experience, is still able and willing to "lend a hand" when needed. And Brother Eldred seems to have renewed his youth. He breaks over all bounds, going over the whole Conference to find place to expend his energies. He preached 99 sermons in 100 days of this year.

With few exceptions the pastors have enjoyed the best of health. Rev. W. Z. Cole is the most serious exception, who has been laid aside with nervous prostration for six weeks, but is now convalescent, and hopes to take a small charge next year.

The year has been one of gracious spiritual victory. Revivals have been the regular order through all the year. I have no record of the number converted, but the pastors have reported to me more than a thousand accessions to the Methodist Episcopal Church. These have been gathered from nearly all the charges.

We shall make a liberal advance in the benevolences of the church.

Thirty-one of thirty-six charges report larger collections than last year.

Meric W. Woods withdrew from our church the last of August and united with the Congregational church and is now serving a congregation at Willow Springs, Mo.

The relations between the pastors and myself have been the most cordial. I know no relation in life that brings the hearts of men so near together as the Methodist ministry, and especially that of the pastors and Presiding Elder.

E. L. Kellogg.

IONIA DISTRICT.

By the ever-active favoring providence of God, we have been able to carry forward the work of the District through another year. I am glad to report that the year has been one of very general prosperity, and in some departments of our work there has been pre-eminent success.

Every pastor, with one exception, has been at his post of duty and has wrought industriously and successfully.

In the month of April, Rev. L. L. Tower, who was stationed at Lakeview, was transferred by Bishop Warren to the Montana Conference. The work of revival began early in the year, and though there have been no definite statistics within my reach, a careful estimate shows that at least one thousand souls have been converted within the bounds of the District. As a result many of the churches have been given a great spiritual uplift, and the membership has been considerably augmented in numbers.

In the matter of church and parsonage building and improvements, we have accomplished something.

The new church at Freeport has been finished and dedicated this year, practically out of debt. It cost $4,000 and has a seating capacity of about 400. The new church at the Snow appointment in Ada charge has been dedicated and paid for. It cost $1,000. A new church at Deerfield Center, in the Caldwell charge, is approaching completion. Extensive improvements on our church at Saranac have been made at a cost of $1,034, and this cost entirely provided for. This great and successful improvement has been brought about almost entirely by the push and wisdom of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Wright.

The old and troublesome debt on the church at Carlton Center, in the Freeport charge has been paid in full this year. This great undertaking, as well as the building of the church at Freeport, crowns the three years pastorate of Rev. J. R. Wooton in that charge. The parsonage at Ionia has been sold, and a large proportion of a long standing debt paid. Also the old pipe organ in our church in that city has been sold and a new and elegant instrument of a much larger size has been put in its place. The placing of this splendid pipe organ at a cost of $3,000 has been due chiefly to the generosity and efforts of Hon. J. E. Just, of Ionia.

A debt on the parsonage at Carson City, of venerable age, has been paid in full. This success has been largely due to the persistent work of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Davids, and the generous giving of noble laymen in that charge. In Crystal, initiatory steps have been taken towards building a new church. Rev. A. B. Johnson, the pastor, has carried forward this enterprise with commendable energy, and in the midst of many

difficulties.

Our benevolent collections, I think, will show some improvement over last year in the aggregate amount received, but it has been absolutely impossible for the pastors to bring them up fully to the amount of the apportionments, though I am well convinced that each man has done his utmost.

In the matter of pastoral support, I am obliged to make a statement which is absolutely painful to me. The pastors in my District have all wrought heroically and well, and the salary for each as fixed by the respective Quarterly Conferences has been in no case too high, or above the ability of the people to pay, but in many cases most discouragingly low. Notwithstanding this, I greatly fear that many of them have been obliged to come up to the Conference and report a large deficiency on even the small amount fixed. My own salary has probably shared the same fate.

I have been much gratified with the success of our Sunday School and Epworth League work during the year. Every charge in my District is maintaining the Sunday School in vigorous life. Our Epworth League work is growing in numbers of Chapters and in membership.

Our eminently successful joint Epworth League and Sunday School Convention, held in Portland, gave abundant proof of how these great institutions have touched every part of our District.

Our annual camp meeting, held at Long Lake this year, was a success beyond our highest expectations. That was our fifth annual meeting held on those grounds.

Our reflection upon the work of the past year should be a note of praise to the Giver of all Good, and a pæan of victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Perhaps I may be indulged in a personal work.

I present this report with feelings such as have never come to me, in some particulars, in offering many similar reports in past years, before this body. These are co-mingled feelings of joy and regretfulness. Joy because I have been permitted to work through my whole term on the Ionia District with so many able, consecrated and loyal men in the ministry; and so many cultured, true and devoted men and women in the laity. My regretfulness comes from the fact that the associations which have come to be so dear to me, are now to be broken up.

During these years of association I have found a large number of valued friends, and I fondly hope that when this life-work is through, we may meet again in the kingdom of our Father above.

J. I. Buell.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

In presenting this, my sixth and last annual report of the Kalamazo District, I desire, in the first place to record my gratitude to God for that providence by which I have been kept, and for the grace by which I have been helped in the discharge of the duties of this important office.

After the experiences and observations which I have now had, I do not hesitate to say that one of the most important offices in Methodism is that of the Presiding Elder, sometimes the least understood, and sometimes the most unpopular, and yet, one of the most important. In its influence upon the zeal of our ministry, in its effect upon the types of religious life and thought that shall prevail among the preachers and the churches, in its intimate relations to the interests of the family life and professional career of our ministers, in its relations to the work of organizing churches in the yet unoccupied portions of the country, in its relations to the great benevolent work of the church, and to world-wide Methodism, the influences of the office of the Presiding Elder are far reaching and awfully important. Whatever failures I have made in the work of this office, they have not come, I can assure you, from any under-estimate of the importance of the same.

I desire also to record my gratitude to God for His gracious care of the lives of the preachers and of their families during these six years. Only once in this time have the ranks ot those in the pastorate been broken into by death.

Our brother McKee, a manly man, a fine specimen of the Christian gentleman and minister, was taken out of the world a few years ago.

So far as the work of the last year is concerned, I think I can say that it has been fairly prosperous.

There have been some gracious revivals during the year. The charges which had the largest revivals are Augusta, Bloomingdale, Comstock, Ganges, Richland and South Haven. Some of these have been among the weaker charges, and have thus been both encouraged and strengthened.

Because the economic interests of this part of the state are almost exclusively agricultural and manufacturing, the pressure of the hard times has borne down upon this District with peculiar weight. And yet our people, upon the whole, have bravely stood by the churches, and have made sacrifices in order to maintain them.

Out of fifty-one church buildings and thirty parsonages on the District, only one is, in any serious sense, embarrassed by debt.

Besides this, during the year, our new charge at Trowbridge has built a parsonage which, together with the lot on which it stands, is worth at least $1,000, and every dollar of this cost is either actually paid, or

amply provided for with good subscriptions. At Allegan, the church has been remodeled and repaired, and a new carpet put upon the floor, at an expense of about $600 which has been amply cared for. In November last we re-opened the church at Ganges, greatly enlarged and improved. The cost of these improvements was not far fron $1,600.

At Gobleville our heroic little society has been embarrassed by a debt of several hundred dollars on their parsonage. This debt has been reduced $100. So, too. First church of this place has just provided for a $3,000 debt the result, in part, of improvements on their property and in part accumulations in other ways.

So far as the support given by the District to the Benevolent collections, I think it safe to say that most of the charges will report an increase over last year, and as for pastors' salaries, while some of them will not be paid in full, to the great embarrassment of those pastors, yet, upon the whole, these claims will be more nearly met, relatively, than they have been in several of the years of the past.

I have been pleased to witness a constant enlargment of the Epworth League movement in the District, and a constant improvement in the character of the work being done. Six years ago this movement in the church had only fairly begun; today we have forty-two Chapters on the District, which have together 2,361 active, and 1,780 associate members, making in all 4,141. We have also 20 Junior Leagues with 824 members. So far as my observation goes, the loyalty of the League is beyond question. In many places they represent a large per cent. of the reliable working force of the church, and are helpful in all departments of church work.

It is true that we have not yet attained to ideal conditions in Epworth League work, but like loyal Methodists we are "going on to perfection."

There has been no decline of interest in the Sunday School work. Our people are coming more and more to see that the future of any church is largely conditioned by the extent of the Sunday School constituency behind it.

I have been glad also to notice an improvement in the character of the Quarterly Conference and the reports given.

I have felt, myself, that the interests of the church demand that we magnify the Quarterly Conference sessions. Pastors may do much by way of preparing for these important meetings.

And now, in conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between the pastors on the District and myself. We have been workers together in the vineyard of the Lord. It would be hard to find a nobler class of men. Their generosity is unbounded, their loyalty to truth without wavering, their consecration to God is deep and abiding.

LEVI MASTER.

LANSING DISTRICT.

In presenting my report of Lansing District I desire, first, to pay a tribute of reverent thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings we have received at his hands. He has crowned the year with his goodness.

At the beginning of my work I was received with the greatest kindness by every pastor on the District. The kind reception at the beginning and the constantly continued kindness throughout the year from my brethren of the ministry, I appreciate more than I can express. From the laity also I have received only the utmost courtesy and cordiality.

Lansing District is situated in an old and thickly populated part of the state. Within this District there were in 1894, 102,000 of the people of Michigan: and at the time of the last reports 7,071 of the church members and 7,508 of the Sunday School officers and teachers and scholars of our Conference. The Methodist Episcopal church is well organized in nearly all the territory covered by the District. There are seventy-five preaching places grouped into thirty-two pastoral charges. The Methodist Episcopal Church owns sixty church buildings. There is preaching also in eleven school houses, two Union church buildings, one United Brethren church building, which is rented, and one Grange hall. There are movements to build at five places, where we do not own a church building. Four new preaching places have been taken up since the last Conference, and one new pastor appointed.

Lansing District is served by a body of devoted and able Christian ministers. The past year has been one of success. The services of the Church, with all their mighty influence for good, have been steadily carried on.

It has been a year of revivals. On nearly every charge there have been conversions. Some of the largest numbers received on probation have been, at Delta, fifty-three; DeWitt, thirty-nine; Ithaca, fifty-three; Lafayette, twenty-five; Grand Ledge, twenty-six; Potterville, forty-eight; St. Louis, forty-six; Mason, thirty; Maple Rapids, seventy-three; Sickles and Ashley, forty-three; Vermontville, twenty-four; Lansing Central, one hundred thirty-two; Eaton Rapids, two hundred seven. Nine hundred ninety-six persons have been received on probation. Fifteen thousand, nine hundred and five dollars has been pledged for debts and improvements, and of this about $8,000 has been paid.

The Epworth League work, under the very efficient District Presidency of Prof. W. J. McKone of Mason, is a great power for good. There are fifty one Leagues with 2,907 members. On some of the country circuits the Epworth League sustains an enthusiastic and very largely attended meeting on Sunday evening. In nearly all cases the Leaguers support the Sunday evening services.

One of the most important purposes for which a church exists in a

civilized country is to send out persons and money to extend the gospel. Much careful attention has been given to the Benevolences. Some churches will report twice as much as last year. The two great failures on the part of pastors are: delaying until too late in the year to take the collections, and failing to give the people enough information.

There was a wide-spread disposition at the beginning of the year to lower preachers' salaries. Some churches were strongly determined to do so. This disposition was earnestly opposed. In only one church was the preacher's salary fixed at a lower amount than last year; and in five churches the salary was fixed at a higher amount. High honor and words of cordial appreciation are due to those church officers who give their best ability to the business of the church of God.

The Eaton Rapids Camp Meeting was held as usual and was a meeting of great power. It was said by some, who have attended the meeting for years, to have been the best ever held on these grounds. Wisdom and moderation and the deepest devotion, with intense loyalty to the church, were characteristics of the meeting. No man could exalt loyalty to the church more highly or speak more decidedly against separations from the church than did Rev. Joseph H. Smith. He is a man of remarkable power in public address and greatly wise in spiritual things.

There should be particular mention of some Churches. At Charlotte there has been a year of prosperity. The congregations have crowded the church. One thousand dollars has been raised to pay previous indebtedness, some of it of long standing. The pastor is in great favor with his people.

At DeWitt there have been good revivals at each one of the four preaching places and $750 raised for church debts. With wisdom and devotion the pastor has done every part of his work well.

When Bro. L. B. Kenyon went to Eagle last fall he was in such feeble health that it seemed doubtful whether he could continue at his work for more than a few weeks; but his people as well as we all rejoice that he has gone through a year of successful work and is much improved in health.

Eaton Rapids has had a remarkable year. Two hundred seven have been received into the church on probation. The pastor was assisted in special meeting by Rev. Geo. E. Allen and Rev James Connolly. Also a very fine brick house, which originally cost over $5,000 has been obtained for a parsonage. A part of the value of the new parsonage was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Gideon T. Sprague, from whom the property was bought. These are the same persons who recently gave a house and lot to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The old parsonage has been sold for enough so that a debt of only $625 is left, which will probably be paid during the coming year. Eaton Rapids has now one of the best pastor's homes in the Conference.

At Bath Rev. A. A. Stephens has done very valuable work and is in great favor with his people.

At Grand Ledge the pastor, always active and enthusiastic, has been very successfully carrying on all lines of Church work. The parsonage has been remodeled at a cost of about $550 making it one of the best parsonages on the District.

Lansing Central, that great church with its nine hundred and six members, has had a very successful year. There is a life and enthusiasm through all the large membership and in all the departments of church work such as is rarely seen. One hundred thirty-two have been received on probation. Revival meetings were held by Bros. Potter and Miller as a result of which forty-two were added to the Church; but the special services under the leadership of the pastor seemed to be of at least as great value. A remarkable advance in Benevolences has been made. Last year there was paid for Missions $284; this year there will be paid for Missions $534. Last year the total for Benevolences was $936; this year the total will be $1,650.

At the last Conference, Lafayette, an out appointment from Breckenridge, which had only paid $50 the year before, was made a separate appointment for a young brother just from Canada, J. H. Hoover, who said he would go anywhere. Now there is a circuit of two appointments, at one of which, Rathbone, where there were no religious services one year ago, he has a lot deeded, a good stone foundation for a church laid, 20,000 feet of sawed lumber on the ground and a subscription of $625.

On the Maple Rapids charge there were revivals at each one of the three preaching places. The most remarkable one was at Greenbush. A very small company of devout people had met for some years in an Epworth League meeting. They had great faith and arranged for special services during a very busy time in the summer. Their faith and long fidelity were honored by a large revival. The pastor was assisted by Rev. James Connolly.

At Mason the amount for Benevolences will be double that of last year. The pastor received the unusual compliment of being invited to give all the lectures in the city lecture course himself.

At Perrinton the pastor illustrates the value of being full of missionary information and enthusiasm, as he is, by bringing his missionary collection up to the $1,500,000 line.

At Potterville the devotion and years of faithful work and intense desire for a revival on the part of Bro. Geo. Bullen were rewarded by a large ingathering.

St. Johns has been favored with a legacy of $2,000 from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gibbs. St. Johns, under the splendid leadership of its pastor, has now one of the best churches and one of the best parsonages in the Conference.

At St. Louis a year of splendid work has been done with forty-six received on probation.

One of the most interesting occurrences has been at Danby. For many years a vigorous church life existed there; but all religious life had for some time ceased. Last winter meetings were held at Hoytville, on the neighboring Gresham Circuit, the pastor being assisted by a young man recently converted. Some people from Danby came to the meetings and were greatly aroused. They desired services at their own church. Two young local preachers, Brethren Wood and Allen, one of whom, Bro. Allen, had been at Hoytville, agreed to go to Danby. There was a good revival. The people desired regular services; and I was sent for. I went there the eleventh day of June, raised money for a preacher and appointed A. T. Cartland, a young man licensed as a local preacher by Central Church, Lansing, who graduated the next week with high honors from the Agricultural College. He has had great success in these three months.

The year's work ended most gloriously last Sunday with the dedication of the new church at Alma. That church building enterprise has been slowly moving on for a long time, with long periods in which the work entirely ceased. The corner stone was laid nearly two years ago. At times the way has seemed very dark and there have been many prophesies of failure. Alma is the seat of the Presbyterian college of Michigan. A great sanitarium is situated there. I do not know of a place of its size in the state that is such a centre of influence. Rev. J. W. McAllister has labored most earnestly with the co-operation of some of the grandest people and most devoted Methodists in our Conference. At the close of four years of faithful service, some of it passed in great anxiety, he sees the Church much more influential and powerful and the most beautiful church building in Gratiot County dedicated, with all debts well provided for. Sermons, which were greatly enjoyed, were preached by Rev. Dr. B. I. Ives, Rev. Dr. J. F. Berry and Rev. Washington Gardner. The church, a very handsome and substantial solid brick structure, which has been built while labor and material were cheap, would have cost in ordinary times at least $10,000. It has cost $7,500; and it will take about $1,500 more to complete the plan and finish furnishing. The finances were managed by Dr. Ives with his usual success. Amid great enthusiasm enough money was pledged to pay the debt and leave a considerable margin. We were also rejoiced to have with us that good Methodist from our sister Conference, Col. A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, who responded to a request for financial help by coming himself and besides a generous subscription giving much other help. The Church and myself also appreciate the kindness of Brethren Berry and Gardner in consenting to receive only their expenses, especially the kindness of Dr.

Berry, who by his own offer lectured Monday night to pay dedication expenses.

There has been only one death in the family of a minister. The nineteenth day of January the baby daughter of Rev. W. L. Holmes died, after a long illness, and was buried at Eaton Rapids, the early home of the father.

With thanksgiving for God's mercies, for being permitted to labor with him in the past, we look on with joyful anticipations to the work and the life of the future.

W. M. PUFFER.

NILES DISTRICT.

Special services have been held on all the Charges of this District this year, which have been largely successful, and will show a gain in membership through conversion.

Silver Creek and Marcellus Charges have been especially favored by an ingathering of souls.

Our annual District Camp Meeting at Crystal Springs was pronounced one of the best held on the grounds for forty years.

We were favored with an able and inspiring sermon by our senior Bishop Bowman.

Dr. J. H. Potts, of Detroit, preached a great sermon, which was a spiritual uplift to all who heard it. Dr. O. E. Murray, of Chicago, rendered valuable service as preacher and leader of the Epworth League meetings, while his accomplished wife moved all hearts with her beautiful gospel singing. The Rev. A. J. Eldred, a former Presiding Elder of this District, preached two grand sermons. He took no account of age, but was young as ever, and preached in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. Evangelist Morehouse proved a great blessing to us as preacher, Bible reader, and leader of the altar services. During the meeting hundreds bowed at the altar, many of whom professed conversion, and scores praised God for the realization of cleansing power.

The Epworth League has been doing good work during the year. The Annual District Convention held at Niles, was largely attended, and the papers and addresses gave evidence of growth in intellectuality and piety.

Every Charge in the District has from one to three local Chapters, with a total of 39 Chapters, aggregating a membership of about 1,600. There are 10 Junior Leagues with a total membership of 450.

I am sorry to say that the class meeting is being removed from some of our churches by the time limit. It is simply crowded out, and the only possible compensation for its loss, is in the fact that it is supplanted by other religious services.

The Sabbath School interests of the District have received careful attention, and a good work has been done in this line during the year.

Our pastors, recognizing the pressing need of our missions and other benevolent enterprises, have, as I believe, displayed commendable zeal in behalf of these interests, and the result will doubtless show an advance over the previous year.

Under the leadership of the Rev. H. L. Potter, the people at Hartford have greatly improved their church property, by a new roof, new carpet, new pulpit, new paper and a fresh coat of paint, all of which was done on the basis of rigid economy; costing only $250.

At Decatur, the Rev. W. H. Moore has led his people in a similar enterprise. A parsonage barn has been built, and the church edifice has been re-painted within and without, a new carpet upon the floor, and new stained glass windows greatly add to the beauty without and the comfort within, all at a cost of $480. The interior of the Dowagiac church has been completely transformed, by means of paint, paper, a new carpet, new pulpit, and electric lights, involving an expenditure of $450.

The Church at Niles has received a new roof, and a new electric chandelier has been placed within. Other immediate improvements are contemplated, which, when completed, will cost $500.

At Benton Harbor the people have greatly improved and beautified their church and parsonage at an expense of $300.

Other improvements and repairs have been made on church and parsonage properties in the District, aggregating a total of $2,500. At the Lawton and Pokagon Charges, the trustees have been authorized to sell the old parsonage buildings, which will be removed, and on the lots new and suitable houses for preachers' homes will be erected.

Some commendable work has been done in the line of debt-paying this year. An old chronic debt has been removed from the church at Eau Claire. At Edwardsburg the last of the debt on the church, about $600, has been paid, and $120 has been paid on the parsonage debt, making a total for this Charge of $720. Other Charges have been paying off obligations of varying amounts, but reaching a total for the District of about $3,500.

I am happy to be able to report the absence of death and serious illness from the homes of our pastors. With one or two exceptions all have been able to be in their pulpits and preach every Sabbath in the year.

When small salaries are diminished by a deficiency, the disciplinary idea of a "comfortable support" cannot be realized. Christian conscience, brains, and the plan of the discipline thoroughly utilized, suggest the remedy. God speed the day when these shall be found working together on all the charges.

In concluding this my sixth annnal report, I would gratefully recognize the loving kindness and tender mercies of our Heavenly Father,

which have followed us during these years. Personally, I have enjoyed large immunity from physical disability having missed only one appointment through illness in six years, and having been able to meet all other official engagements without a single detention.

I desire also to tender my heartiest thanks to the brethren now on the district, and to all who have served during my term for their brotherly co-operation. This kindly consideration reached its climax of expression, when on last Friday afternoon, the pastors from all parts of the District, with some of the laymen, appeared in force at the door of the District parsonage, and sought admission. How they were admitted I do not know, but when I reached home I found them in full possession. After recovering from the surprise sufficiently to exercise partial vision, it was found that the center table was literally covered with silverware.

Then one of the brethren in a speech of kindliest appreciation presented the full tea set to "wife and I." I do not know much about what immediately followed, but this I do know, whatever differences of opinion may be held in regard to the relative values of silver and gold, those pieces of silver cannot be purchased of the recipients with an equal weight of gold. And the "emery wheel of time" will never efface from our memories the pleasure of that occasion.

And now in compliance with an ecclesiastical system, than which I believe there is none better, I surrender the field to my successor, praying God to bless the work and the workers on Niles District.

J. W. H. CARLISLE.

MEMOIRS.

JOHN WESLEY CAWTHORN.

John Wesley Cawthorn was born in New-Castle-on-Tyne, England, Dec. 17th, 1822, and died Nov. 18th, 1896, at Millbrook, Mecosta Co., Mich.

He was married at Bennington, Mich., July 26th, 1853, to Miss Jerusha M. Calkins, of Erie, Penn., who has been his constant companion, sharer of his toils, sorrows and joys; and has been truly a helpmeet to him. Six children were born to them. A son and daughter they buried at Sparta, Mich., in 1858; also a son and daughter were drowned at Saugatuck on their way from Conference to Ganges Circuit in 1867, leaving two sons, James and Arthur, who, with their mother, survive.

Bro. Cawthorn was converted to God at the age of eight years; and at the age of fifteen commenced preaching the gospel. He filled the appointments of his father and others as occasion offered in the city of London, Eng., where he lived. Arriving at his majority on the 15th of July, 1843, he sailed from North Shields, and after ten weeks of buffeting by tempestuous winds, the dangerous voyage ended, and on the 23rd of September landed in New York. In October of the same year he went to Canada, where he preached until 1854, excepting the time spent in Kingsford College. In 1854 he came to Michigan and was received into the Michigan Conference and appointed to the following charges in their order: In 1854 to Lapeer; in '55 to South Albion; in '56 to Laphamville; in '57-8 to Sparta; in '59 to St. Johns; in '60 to Flat River; in '61-2 to Woodland; in '63 to Flat River; in '64-5 to Kelloggsville; in '66 to Lamont; in '67-8 to Ganges; in '69 to Flowerfield; in '70 to Monterey; in '71 to Salt River; in '72 to Millbrook, which was his last appointment, as at the Conference of 1873 he was placed upon the superannuated list, and settled in Millbrook where he enjoyed the respect, confidence and love of all the people. His illness was of short duration. The pneumonia took fast hold of him, and soon he was in a semi-conscious condition, and thus slept away the last few days of life, to awake in the Paradise of God. He was ready when the summons came.

His funeral was attended by his pastor, Rev. W. J. Massey, assisted by the writer. The large attendance, floral offerings and tears of sympathy, attested the high esteem in which he was held. We laid him to rest in the cemetery north-west of Millbrook, to await the resurrection of the just.

D. S. Haviland.

AARON HUNSBERGER.

Aaron Hunsberger was born in Bayham, Ontario, April 11, 1824. He died at Calumet, Mich., stricken by paralysis, May 26, 1897.

In 1844 he was married to Cyrene Nelles, who shared his toils in the itinerant ministry until his death, and now remains to mourn. He was the father of two sons, one of whom became a Methodist preacher, and is now pastor of Grand Ave. church, Milwaukee.

The first ten years after his marriage were spent in secular pursuits, when, at the age of thirty, he entered the Methodist ministry of Canada. In 1869 he came to Michigan and joined our Conference, and labored among us and lived among us, a loved and honored brother until he died.

His parents were not Methodists and did not like the Methodists, but their son Aaron attended a Methodist revival meeting when but fifteen years of age, and was deeply convicted of sin, and that Spirit-wrought conviction never left him for a single day through five restless years. But when he was twenty years of age in the depths of his soul he cried, "I yield, I yield, I can hold out no more!" and one Saturday night he quietly said to his brother older and sister younger that the next day he was going to the Methodist class meeting and publicly begin a Christian life. He went, and with him went also his brother and sister, who gave their hearts to God at the same time and they were all there blessedly converted. Soon afterward, his father and mother with their other children were sweetly saved.

Soon he was made a class leader, then a steward, then an exhorter, and then a local preacher, and then an itinerant preacher; and he continued to preach the gospel in the active ministry for thirty-five years.

He was a good man, a man of sterling character, a man of good religious experience, an affable genial brother, a true friend.

He preached good sermons, impressing sinners and helping believers. He had good revivals, many souls were saved through his ministry. The children and young people loved him, and old and young were edified by his sermons and helped by his pastoral visits.

His appointments in Michigan have been as follows: Berlin Center, Olivet, Tekonsha, Homer, Litchfield, Marshall, Casnovia, Middleville, Sparta, Allen and Athens, nearly all of two years each—Middleville three years.

In 1889 health failed, and he was granted a superannuated relation. He took up his residence in Albion, where he was a faithful attendant upon public worship and the prayer and class meetings of the church and he was always a sympathetic friend and cordial supporter of the pastor.

A good man is dead. He now rests from his labors, and his works follow him. They abide to-day. Many people are living now who would

rise up to-day and call him blessed. His burial service was private, and held at the grave in Greenwood Cemetery, Grand Rapids, conducted by the writer and Rev. G. C. Draper, in the presence of his widow and two sons and a few relatives.

His mortal remains were thus quietly laid to rest, and he has gone to his reward.

J. C. FLOYD.

ALVERN A. ROLFE.

Alvern A. Rolfe, was born in Alden, Erie, Co., N. Y., April 6th, 1835, and died at LosAngeles, Cal., December 7th, 1897. He was converted at Albion Camp Meeting in 1856, and at once felt the call of God to preach the gospel. He spent two years of preparation in Albion College and one at Evanston. He first took work as junior preacher on the Sparta Charge with Wm. McKnight as preacher in charge. He was married September 6th, 1863, to Miss Alice Atherton, of Lisbon, Kent county. He served the Charges named in order, Newaygo, Fallasburg, Orange Okemos, Leslie, Eaton Rapids, North Lansing, Dowagiac, Manistee and Whitehall, eighteen years in all. In October 1885, he removed with his family to Southern California, taking up his residence in LosAngeles, but supplying several Charges as opportunity offered and his health permitted.

About the year 1890,while living on his ranch in the Fernando Valley, California, he experienced an attack of creeping paralysis which gradually spread throughout the body, accompanied with increasing intensity of pain, until he was reduced by degrees to a trembling, emaciated and helpless sufferer years before his death. The devotion and endurance of his faithful wife were marvelous; every consideration of personal comfort or rest being sacrificed for many weary months to his slightest wish or hope for relief. Her watchings and solicitude were duly shared by their only surviving children, Miner and Banna, who never faltered in their self-denial for the welfare of their afflicted father.

The patience and cheerfulness of our dear brother, which rose at times to sublime ecstacy and divine joy, under the most trying physical conditions, were the subject of general remark, and, while he often expressed a desire to depart and be with Christ, bore constant testimony to what divine grace and the Abiding Comforter can do to sustain and cheer.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. L. Hamilton and Rev. Geo. L. Cole, assisted by the Presiding Elder of the District and other Methodist ministers. He, at the last, expressed his love for his brethren in the Michigan Conference, and his unfaltering faith that through Christ he would meet them.

S. G. BLANCHARD.

REV. F. N. JANES.

Rev. F. N. Janes was born in Homer, Mich., Jan. 27, 1845, and died in Middleville, Mich., Jan. 3, 1897.

He was born into a Christian home, and as a result his religious training was of the best. In 1873 he graduated from Albion College and the same year joined the Michigan Conference on trial.

His appointments have been: Olivet 1873-4; Gilead 1875-6; Lacota 1876-8; Bloomingdale 1878-9; Johnstown (Banfield) 1879-81; Oshtemo 1881-3; Danby 1883-5; Alma 1885-6; Palo 1886-9; Pennfield 1889-90; Mosherville 1890-3; Sparta 1893-5; Middleville 1895-7.

Bro. Janes was a man of God, modest and unassuming, conscientious and careful in all his work, and universally beloved. His influence with the young people of his charge was especially noticeable.

He was married July 3, 1872, to Miss Delia M. MaCumber, who with one son, Frank, survives him.

He leaves a rich heritage, the memory of a love, pure and steadfast, and a Christian character without spot or blemish.

In his last hours, our brother, fully comprehending that his life was near its close, in conversation with Bro. J. E. White, gave full and joyful testimony to his victory over death, saying again and again, "Jesus comes, Jesus comes."

"Servant of God, well done."

His funeral was held in the church where he last served, among the people whom he loved and who loved him in return.

His brethren in the ministry, Marshall, Freeman, Boone and White, with his Presiding Elder, W. I. Cogshall, spoke tenderly of his life and character.

The people crowded the church to see his face for the last time, and then he was conveyed to the place of his birth, Homer, Mich., where with parents and other kindred he awaits the final call.

W. I. COGSHALL.

MRS. MARGARET F. SAPP.

Margaret Ferry was born in Sandusky, Ohio, May 23, 1822. She died in Galena, Kansas, Feb. 9, 1897.

Her death resulted from an accident occasioned by the overturning of a carriage in which she was riding. Her illness was brief but very painful.

Early in life she removed to Monroe, Mich. She was of French extraction.

Reared in the Protestant Episcopal Church, this communion she left in early womanhood and united with the Methodist Episcopal

Church. Soon after this she was married to Rev. Resin Sapp, who for many years was a prominent and influential member of the Michigan Conference.

The toils of the life of an itinerant preacher were cheerfully shared by her. For more than thirty years, in many pastorates, she was the sharer of joy and sorrow, of toil and rest, the light of the itinerant's home, the sympathizer with the sorrowing, and the helper of the needy.

To what extent the Church is indebted to the wives of her ministers we may not be able to say; but in the revelations of a future life, it may appear that the success of many a devoted pastor depended largely, under God, upon a devoted and level-headed wife.

Sister Sapp was well endowed with rare gifts, which made her a favorite among the people and useful in her sphere. Of cheerful temperment, possessed of fine social qualities, clear-headed, sweet spirited, she was the welcome guest to any home.

She was eminently spiritual. She was quiet in her manner, but she was deeply spiritual. It was the privilege of the writer to have her for months at a time in his last pastorate, and for a pastorate previous, was her pastor. She was a good listener, always had a word of cheer for her pastor, thoughtful of the over-burdened; ever on the alert looking for some weary, sin-burdened soul whom she might bring to Christ. She was a helper worthy of the position she occupied.

Her husband appreciated her worth, and often spoke enthusiastically of her excellency and merit. She was the mother of six sons, all of whom very highly esteemed their mother. She was a true wife. a devoted mother, a friend to be trusted, a loyal church member, a royal disciple. She was buried from Division St. church, Grand Rapids, Feb. 14, 1897. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Floyd, D. D. assisted by several other ministers.

And now, side by side, they sleep in that beautiful cemetery; husband wife, father and mother, pastor and helpmeet, waiting the first resurrection.

D. F. Barnes.

MRS. MARY L. CRAWFORD.

Death breaks into human calculations. We are never quite ready for the coffin and the grave. Life is a riddle without the gospel, which has brought immortality to light. Without a revelation it has a dusky back ground, and misty clouds cast their dark shadows into the future. We may not know why the billows roll in the deep blue sea, why ships sink with Christian missionaries aboard, why churches are struck by lightning, as if they were drinking saloons or dens of infamy, why fore sts bloom and die. But with the word of God before us, we do know

why man goeth to his long home and the mourners go about the streets.

Mrs. Mary L. Crawford, wife of Rev. R. C. Crawford, began the journey of life in Covington, N. Y., Nov. 13th, 1823, and finished it in Grand Rapids, Mich., January 2nd, 1897. She was converted in the 8th year of her age; was united in marriage with Rev. Riley C. Crawford, of the Michigan Conference, June 7th, 1842. It will not be possible in this brief sketch to give more than the list of the Charges where her memory is as sweet incense. Her first charge, as the wife of an itinerant was Richmond Circuit. Pastor's salary $150.60, then followed Shiawassee Circuit, Almont, Port Huron, Lapeer, Utica, Birmingham, Detroit City Mission, Battle Creek, Jackson, then three years as Chaplain's wife at the State prison, next Niles, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Albion, then Coldwater District four years, and again appointed to the State prison as Chaplain for three years, next came St. Joseph, during which year the Woman's Crusade was organized. Sister Crawford headed a procession of sixty women; she first led her forces into the largest saloon in the city, and in the presence of at least 100 men and boys, in and around the saloon, who were drinking, swearing, and smoking, she announced a hymn, and after the singing, knelt before the bar, and led in prayer, and inside of one week they sung and prayed in nineteen saloons, and as a result the saloons closed their doors for several days.

The next appointments were Allegan, Cedar Springs, Ionia District four years, then followed East Street, and Ames Church, Grand Rapids, next and last Holland, where, owing to infirmities and age, they concluded to ask for a superannuated relation, which was granted them at the following Conference, and after spending forty-six years in active work, they settled in Grand Rapids, where they lived until she was called to the Church above.

Concerning her last sickness. After returning home from service on the second Sunday of October, 1896, she complained of feeling poorly, and from that hour she slowly failed. One night after a severe chill she had the conviction that the end was near, and said to her husband, "I am going to leave you, but I want you to be brave, and keep close to Jesus. The separation will not be long. I am all ready and heaven will be sweet to me." It was my privilege as her pastor to visit her several times during her illness, which was a benedictio ton my soul. The last time I saw her, her speech was almost gone. She raised her hand and in a faint whisper said, "pray." As I prayed she held my hand, and when we arose, she said "Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus," and then said "beautiful, beautiful, beautiful." And with these expressions of joy and victory she fell asleep.

R. H. Bready.

MRS. ESTHER DOUST,

Esther Moore Doust was born in Sissinghurst, Kent County, England, April 23, 1828, and died at Lansing, Mich., September 18, 1897. She came with two sisters and two brothers to America and settled at Hillsdale.

She was married to Rev. Wm. Doust, a member of this Conference. June 2, 1857 ,and for twenty-eight years shared the trials and joys of a Methodist itinerant's life in early Michigan. She was with her husband on the following charges; Osseo, Reeding, Quincy, North Adams, Burr Oak, Sturgis, Hillsdale, Ovid, Pentwater, Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, Mason, St. Joseph and Paw Paw, where her husband was called to join the ranks triumphant.

For eight years she had been living with her daughter in Lansing, and that was her last earthly home. She led a patient, earnest Christian life. She always made friends and was never heard to speak ill of anyone. She taught her children that right is the highest motive of action and her instruction and prayer resulted in the conversion of her family.

For more than thirty years she had not seen to read nor write,but sweetly kept by the grace of God she did not complain at His providence. The church, the prayer and class meetings were dear to her heart. On the last Thursday night of her life she was at the prayer meeting, and prayed earnestly for the unsaved and that the blessing of God might rest upon every minister at Conference.

She will be greatly missed at First Church, Lansing, where her prayers, testimonies and sweet verses of song were a benediction to many hearts. She went to sleep as usual on Friday night, when her daughter called her Saturday morning, she awoke not; she had answered a higher call and slept the blessed sleep in Jesus. Her remains were placed beside those of her husband in the cemetery at Mason. Rev. W. H. B. Urch assisted the writer in the services at the grave and a large company of the friends from Mason were present.

A. T. LUTHER.

MRS. LAURA A. BRONSON.

Laura A. Bacon was born near Ithaca, New York, Jan. 19, 1831, and died at Kansas City, Mo., July 30, 1897. Orphaned in childhood, she found a home in the family of an uncle of the old school Presbtyerian persuasion, where she received much of her early education and training. She was converted at the age of 18 and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, where she remained a faithful and useful member until her death. In 1856 she married Rev. W. A. Bronson, a member of the East Genesee Conference. For twelve years she labored with her husband within the bounds of that Conference.

In 1868 her husband was transferred to the Michigan Conference, and for thirteen years she and her husband served many charges along the western boundry of the State. In 1871, while serving the Church at Holland City, they met with the misfortune of losing all their earthly possessions in the terrible forest fire that swept over that country. In 1881 Bro. Bronson's health failed and they located at Irving, Barry Co., where he died in 1882.

In 1884 Sister Bronson moved west, making her home with her daughter in Kansas City, although she spent some time with her brother at Lathrop, Mo. Able in prayer, humble and yet fervent in spirit, her influence in the church was manifestly for good. The past two years of her life were passed in great suffering, but she uttered no complaint. Her prayers were for the unsaved, her testimony was, "I know in whom I believe. He does not fail me."

N. L. Bray.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Totals.
Receipts by Districts.			
Albion	$4,289 23	$2,268 48	$6,557 71
Big Rapids	2,392 67	2,104 59	4,497 26
Coldwater	3,277 35	2,192 77	5,470 12
Grand Rapids	4,322 38	2,528 94	6,851 32
Grand Traverse	1,598 05	1,130 46	2,728 51
Ionia	2,478 25	1,202 85	3,681 10
Kalamazoo	3,108 42	2,177 32	5,285 74
Lansing	3,884 50	3,146 37	7,030 87
Niles	2,519 43	879 52	3,398 95
Totals	$27,870 28	$17,631 30	$45,501 58
Received from Other Sources.			
Book Concern	$2,371 00		
Methodist Publishing Co.	2,116 25		
Bissell Fund	178 00		
Parkhurst Fund	18 55		
Pierce Fund	30 57		
Martha J. Van Horn Fund	17 50		
Chartered Fund	22 00		
Conf. Collection for Claimants, Cr. to First Ch., Kalamazoo	68 96		
Plainfield Loan Fund	45 50		
D. F. Barnes Loan Fund	42 00		
Collection for Conference Expenses	64 87		
J. C. Christman and Clark Fund	35 00		
J. C. Newcomer, Collection of Sunday Morning at Kalamazoo	2 25		
Conference Collection for Minutes	72 00		
Total from other sources	5,084 45		
Total cash	$32,954 73		
Total Vouchers		$17,631 30	
Grand Total			$50,586 03
Disbursements.			
Missions	$13,853 29	$3,100 22	$16,953 51
Church Extension	1,684 15	119 00	1,803 15
Freedmen's Aid and S. Education	1,206 33	415 99	1,622 32
Children's Day Fund	570 71	481 07	1,051 78
Albion College	1,154 78	1,197 69	2,352 47
Tract Society	334 31	14 00	348 31
S. S. Union	373 81	17 00	390 81
American Bible Society	365 10	20 50	385 60
Episcopal Fund	1,194 50	31 00	1,225 50
Episcopal Residence	349 00	64 00	413 00
Conference Claimants	11,275 13		11,275 13
General Conference Expense	11 00		11 00
W. Foreign Missionary Society	9 10	7,014 46	7,023 56
W. Home Missionary Society	22 10	3,846 68	3,868 78
P. J. Maveety, Conference Expense	5 00		5 00
P. J. Maveety, Conference Minutes	269 00		269 00
J. C. Newcomer, Conference Expense	1 80		1 80
Other Collections		1,309 69	1,309 69
Missionary Debt	9 00		9 00
Dr. A. B. Leonard	20 00		20 00
To J. N. Dayton, Conf. Claimant's Fund	192 00		192 00
Conference Expense, Board of Examiners	48 05		48 05
Chas. Nease, Statistician's Expense	6 57		6 57
Totals	$32,882 73	$17,631 30	$50,586 03

STATISTICS NO. 3.—ALBION DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Pastors' P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Albion	A. E. Craig	$2000	.....	$2000	$2000	.....	$2000	.....	$178	$178	.....	$25	$2,203	$175	....	$175	1283	$175
Battle Creek—First Church	Wm. Denman	1500	250	1750	1500	250	1750	.....	160	160	41	10	1920	90	....	90	608	120
" " Maple Street	E. A. Armstrong	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	35	35	10	5	1040	40	....	40	275	80
" " Upton Ave.	W. F. Kendrick	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	20	20	9	9	629	38	....	38	107	50
Bellevue	E. Sedwick	800	100	900	800	100	900		68	68	16	5	973	25	....	25	128	68
Concord	G. L. Mount	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	44	44	16	8	752	25	5	30	100	30
Eden	J. W. Foy	.....	.....	.....	303	.....	303	.....	20	18	.....	1	322	10	....	10	5	40
Hanover and Moscow	O. H. Perry	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	55	50	9	5	855	20	....	20	.....	80
Homer	S. C. Strickland	700	100	800	740	100	840	.....	65	65	..	7	912	40	....	40	125	60
Jackson—Cooper Street	J. C. Upton	750	.....	750	750	.....	750	.....	32	32	6	4	786	20	....	20	120	45
" Diamond Mission	Geo. Diamond	248	.....	248	175	.....	175	73	10	10	.....	..	185	....	....	.....	65	15
" First Church	P. J. Maveety	1800	.....	1800	1800	.....	1800	.....	160	160	37	20	1980	150	....	150	1100	350
" Greenwood Ave.	D. D. King	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	16	16	2	1	617	4	....	4	100	32
" Haven Church	J. F. Orwick	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	50	50	17	3	1253	27	....	27	291	128
" Ida Stiles Memorial	E. C. Tuller	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	25	25	7	3	728	10	....	10	150	98
Leslie	C. A. Varnum	725	.....	725	725	.....	725	.....	45	45	11	4	774	27	5	32	153	85
Liberty	B. F. Silverthorne	360	40	400	360	40	400	.....	40	40	5	3	443	15	....	15	100	105
Litchfield	Edwin Tench	600	100	700	580	100	680	20	44	44	9	5	729	30	....	30	125	50
Marengo	James Webster	570	50	620	570	50	620	.....	48	48	8	8	676	34	....	34	65	65
Marshall	Isaiah Wilson	815	150	965	815	150	965	.....	60	60	.....	5	1030	18	..	18	185	80
Mosherville	J. D. McDonald	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	44	44	.....	.....	594	8	....	8	100	75
Parma	Delos Cronk	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	54	54	12	5	759	40	....	40	117	75
Partello	H. R. E. Quant	500	50	550	465	50	515	35	30	30	8	8	553	20	....	20	62	60
Penfield	G. E. Fairbanks	600	50	650	575	50	625	25	40	40	11	2	667	20	....	20	100	75
Sonoma	W. I. Elmer	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	35	35	.....	4	699	25	....	25	19	50
Springport	J. A. Sprague	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	32	32	4	2	734	6	....	6	60	25
Tekonsha	J. W. Sheehan	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	48	43	.....	3	746	20		20	100	.....
Tompkins	Albert Smith	500	100	600	475	100	575	25	38	38	6	4	617	20	....	20	60	26
Total	.....	$20768	$1700	$22468	$20833	$1700	$22533	$278	$1496	$1484	$244	$159	$24176	$957	$10	$967	$5,703	$2,142

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	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Education. Public Educational	Education. Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Resdnc.
Albion	30	982	12	12	....	3	2	60	520	1	$40000	..	....	$195	$144	$1475	$625	$75	$700	$20	$10	$5	$ 99	$401	$11	$10	$168	$245	....	$175	$25	...
Battle Creek—1st Ch.	12	560	2	4	1	2	1	48	400	1	25000	1	2500	.....	36	500	208	92	300	6	3	2	8	15	4	3	....	....	....	90	10	...
" " —Maple-st.	19	155	1	3	5	2	1	33	225	1	10000	..	.....	.....	.....	600	57	43	100	10	3	3	5	15	3	2	49	....	....	40	5	...
" " —Upton Ave.	8	164	1	1	14	11	1	24	150	1	2575	..	.....	75	.....	.....	81	19	100	18	4	4	12	15	3	3	....	....	4	38	9	$8
Bellevue	....	260	1	3	....	....	2	30	280	2	3000	1	1000	14	.....	.....	44	10	54	10	2	1	7	10	....	....	....	39	....	25	5	...
Concord	16	130	....	2	2	6	2	15	100	3	5000	1	1000	10	110	.....	40	10	50	7	2	2	5	17	4	2	....	....	11	30	8	...
Eden	4	60	....	1	7	4	2	15	80	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	3	20	2	1	...	2	4	3	....	....	....	....	10	1	...
Hanover and Moscow	1	162	....	..	4	5	2	29	200	2	5000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	90	10	100	10	2	2	20	10	4	2	80	....	....	20	5	...
Homer	21	267	....	5	....	28	1	29	290	1	12000	1	1200	27	.....	.....	80	60	140	7	1	1	.....	....	6	....	42	42	....	40	7	...
Jackson—Cooper-st.	9	124	....	2	11	....	1	22	146	1	3000	..	.....	50	.....	345	15	21	36	6	1	1	6	5	2	1	....	....	....	20	4	...
" —Diamond Mis.	11	28	....	1	4	1	1	10	40	1	2400	..	.....	45	.....	700	3	1	4	....	....	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	...
" —First Church	10	625	....	5	11	32	1	37	524	1	50000	1	2500	800	.....	1725	215	160	375	5	5	2	100	130	15	2	277	128	50	150	20	...
" —Greenwood Ave.	3	84	..	..	....	1	1	15	180	1	2500	..	.....	166	.....	1100	16	....	16	1	....	...	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	1	...
" —Haven Church	33	282	2	6	2	23	1	58	443	1	5000	..	.....	.....	.....	700	56	20	76	10	2	2	11	7	....	2	105	....	....	27	3	...
" —Ida Stiles Mem.	40	159	....	1	18	18	3	33	310	1	5000	..	.....	835	.....	150	12	4	16	2	1	1	1	4	3	1	17	2	....	10	3	...
Leslie	30	271	....	4	7	41	3	39	308	1	3700	..	.....	60	60	250	40	29	68	5	1	1	9	13	5	2	63	...	....	32	4	...
Liberty	3	92	....	2	1	2	5	48	200	2	2600	1	300	.....	.....	.....	21	9	30	4	2	1	3	7	2	1	12	....	....	15	3	...
Litchfield	6	151	1	2	....	....	2	25	100	2	4500	1	1000	60	.....	.....	60	5	65	5	1	1	4	10	3	1	19	....	2	30	5	...
Marengo	6	113	1	5	6	2	3	36	135	1	2000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	25	15	40	3	2	2	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	34	8	...
Marshall	16	237	2	7	20	34	2	28	235	2	12000	1	1800	45	10	.....	42	10	52	3	1	1	3	....	4	1	31	....	3	18	5	...
Mosherville	10	140	2	4	....	5	3	26	170	2	3500	1	600	148	50	163	30	2	32	2	....	...	2	8	....	....	7	....	....	8	....	...
Parma	30	120	1	3	....	34	2	36	245	2	8500	1	1200	85	.....	.....	89	19	108	16	1	1	12	17	6	2	....	25	....	40	5	...
Partello	5	130	....	5	....	....	3	24	140	3	3600	1	200	85	54	222	50	....	50	9	1	1	5	10	1	1	....	....	....	20	8	2
Penfield	2	200	....	1	3	10	6	85	200	1	1200	1	600	300	.....	400	20	15	35	2	1	1	2	8	3	1	27	....	....	20	2	...
Sonoma	2	163	....	1	....	10	2	25	100	2	4000	1	600	150	.....	.....	35	15	50	5	1	1	10	....	5	1	6	....	....	25	4	...
Springport	10	125	....	2	....	....	2	20	120	1	800	1	2000	.....	40	.....	20	....	20	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	....		....	6	2	...
Tekonsha	1	127	....	1	....	2	1	20	120	1	5500	1	1000	500	.....	50	33	17	50	2	1	1	2	....	7	1	25	....	....	20	3	...
Tompkins	3	94	...	3	....	9	2	23	112	2	2600	1	850	750	.....	.....	23	12	35	2	1	1	2	....	7	2	71	....	....	20	4	...
Total	344	6005	26	84	116	285	58	893	6073	40	$224975	18	$19950	$4400	$504	$8380	$2047	$676	$2723	$175	$51	$39	$336	$712	$104	$ 43	$999	$481	$70	$969	159	$10

STATISTICS NO. 3.—BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total: Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Ashton	R. W. Tindall	$360	.....	$360	$228	.....	$228	$132	$24	$21	.....	.....	$249	$2	....	$2	.....	$25
Averill	C. A. Brown	435	65	500	395	65	460	40	28	28	3	1	489	4	....	4	25	45
Barryton	H. E. Walker	325	.....	325	260	.....	260	65	20	20	.....	.....	280	....	....	.....	.....	28
Big Rapids	O. R. Lovejoy	1200	180	1380	1200	180	1380	.....	90	90	17	17	1487	84	....	84	175	90
" " Circuit	L. H. Manning	430	.....	430	460	.....	460	.....	28	28	2	2	490	15	....	15	56	76
Cadillac	W. S. Laufman	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	90	90	12	12	1452	60	....	60	325	150
Calkinsville and Ind. Mis.	E. W. Wood	400	50	450	375	50	425	25	40	37	5	2	464	15	....	15	60	42
Chase and Zion	F. M. Woodmansee	200	35	235	164	35	199	36	28	24	.....	.....	223	1	....	1	10	26
Chippewa Lake	E. B. Hubbell	345	40	385	310	40	350	35	36	36	.....	.....	386	....	....	.....	45	45
Clare	A. H. Coors	580	75	655	660	75	735	.....	45	45	4	4	784	18	....	18	100	90
Coleman	J. S. DeLong	500	100	600	375	100	475	125	32	29	.....	.....	504	....	2	2	38	23
Crystal Valley	W. H. Choate	290	25	315	200	25	225	90	32	22	4	1	248	1	....	1	20	18
Evart	J. C. Newcomer	675	75	750	675	75	750	.....	56	56	6	3	809	16	....	16	80	40
Farwell	T. H. Leamon	425	75	500	425	75	500	.....	40	40	6	.....	540	20	....	20	.....	50
Freesoil and Ind. Mission	M. Rozell	116	.....	116	110	.....	110	6	32	29	.....	.....	139	1	....	1	40	36
Gladwin	U. E. Partridge	515	60	575	355	60	415	160	44	36	3	.....	451	5	....	5	50	70
Greenville	Addis Albro	1000	200	1200	1020	200	1220	.....	90	90	20	.....	1310	50	....	50	643	118
Harrison	W. D. Rowland	425	75	500	225	75	300	200	32	32	2	1	333	5	....	5	25	25
Hersey	Thomas Thompson	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	36	36	2	.....	586	2	....	2	50	26
Lake City	George Varion	500	100	600	400	100	500	100	48	48	5	5	553	30	....	30	50	78
Leaton & Ind. Mission	Frank A. Blake	250	25	275	218	25	243	32	27	26	2	1	270	3	....	3	20	25
Leroy	W. A. Exner	458	50	508	423	50	473	35	40	40	3	1	514	15	....	15	30	37
Ludington—1st Church	L. E. Lovejoy	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	80	80	12	12	1392	60	....	60	225	84
" 4th w., Buttersville	A. H. Sturgis	575	75	650	575	75	650	.....	40	40	3	3	693	10	....	10	75	50
Luther	N. P. Brown	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	38	38	4	3	541	18	....	18	56	45
Manistee	A. T. Ferguson	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	96	96	14	14	1510	69	....	69	500	125
Marion	Frank McCluney	350	50	400	226	50	276	124	28	11	2	.....	287	....	....	.....	33	40
McClure	E. W. McMillan	215	24	239	178	24	202	37	24	24	2	.....	226	1	....	1	25	7
McBain	G. W. Weeks	300	60	360	300	60	360	.....	28	28	3	2	390	9	....	9	40	50
Middle Branch	M. S. Walker	180	36	216	121	36	157	59	20	20	.....	.....	177	....	....	.....	18	9
Morley	J. C. Chase	525	75	600	335	75	410	190	44	41	4	2	453	10	....	10	50	62
Mt. Pleasant	R. A. Wright	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	70	70	10	10	1180	20	....	20	300	150
Paris	A. A. Geiger	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	40	40	3	2	542	5	....	5	85	60
Reed City	A. F. Nagler	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	90	90	10	8	898	42	....	42	150	150
Scottsville and Ind. Mis.	C. W. Smith	400	78	478	331	78	409	69	44	44	5	3	456	5	....	5	65	65
Sears	G. W. Maxwell	500	50	550	435	50	485	65	36	34	4	2	521	6	....	6	30	48
Shepherd	D. E. Reed	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	56	56	9	9	715	43	....	43	150	95
Stanwood	J. C. Jewell	460	50	510	385	50	435	75	36	36	4	2	473	20	....	20	15	92
Stetson	J. G. Clutterback	320	.....	320	313	.....	313	7	28	28	4	1	342	....	4	4	....	51
Stittsville	G. B. Day	375	50	425	350	50	400	25	28	28	3	1	429	8	....	8	75	32
Union	W. P. Manning	400	30	430	412	30	442	.....	28	28	5	5	475	20	....	20	60	75
Wesley	C. H. Palmatier	465	50	515	398	50	448	67	45	39	5	3	490	20	....	20	100	64
Woodville, and W. Cloud.	S. C. Tiney	400	50	450	227	50	277	173	34	14	3	.....	291	2	....	2	75	63
Totals		$21944	$8008	$24952	$20114	$3008	$23122	$1972	$1871	$1788	$205	$132	$25042	$715	$6	$1721	$3969	$2580

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Ashton	11	72	....	1	....	....	3	26	124	1	$1500	1	$600	$ 50	$ 60	$ 80	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$ 2	....	....	....	....	$ 2	....	..
Averill	32	68	....	2	1	9	4	40	150	4	2600	1	350	145	....	50	12	....	12	1	1	1	1	....	4	1	....	....	....	4	1	..
Barryton	11	22	....	..	....	....	3	16	100	1	1200	..	....	500	....	171	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Big Rapids	50	335	1	1	2	18	1	38	250	1	4000	1	800	50	....	80	154	45	199	37	7	7	24	65	8	6	125	67	46	84	17	10
" " Circuit	20	138	5	2	22	61	3	35	215	1	2000	1	....	675	....	400	29	6	35	6	1	1	3	6	2	1	....	....	3	15	2	3
Cadillac	60	315	....	2	20	98	1	25	350	1	10000	1	1500	175	500	1300	83	57	140	26	5	5	25	20	4	5	73	....	89	60	12	12
Calkinsville and Ind. Mis.	30	120	6	..	18	2	4	37	190	5	2500	1	400	14	30	280	7	8	15	3	1	1	1	2	7	1	....	....	2	15	2	2
Chase and Zion	28	60	1	1	5	1	3	23	150	3	2700	1	100	10	46	170	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	....	2	1	....	1	....	1	....	..
Chippewa Lake	11	92	1	2	12	6	3	21	120	3	2500	1	500	....	....	....	6	4	10	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	..
Clare	10	115	....	3	12	14	2	24	200	2	3000	1	700	....	175	450	25	15	40	7	2	2	5	7	5	2	....	....	53	18	4	3
Coleman	32	122	2	..	8	29	1	13	125	1	2000	1	800	....	60	210	3	....	3	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	..
Crystal Valley	2	65	1	..	....	....	1	14	75	2	2500	1	300	40	100	52	4	3	7	1	....	....	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	..
Evart	29	150	....	4	3	....	1	17	169	1	2500	1	500	15	....	....	20	10	30	7	1	1	7	10	2	1	40	....	10	16	3	..
Farwell	62	110	1	1	....	4	3	32	175	2	2600	1	600	....	....	....	30	6	36	5	....	....	4	....	4	1	....	....	....	20	....	..
Freesoil and Ind. Mission	4	76	....	1	2	....	2	16	130	2	2000	1	300	....	....	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	....	4	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	..
Gladwin	8	62	1	..	2	....	3	24	160	1	2000	1	600	....	....	400	10	....	10	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	..
Greenville	50	400	....	2	7	1	1	34	300	1	20000	1	2500	30	....	....	100	....	100	10	4	4	9	....	13	3	87	36	....	50	....	..
Harrison	4	22	....	1	....	....	1	10	50	1	1200	1	500	15	56	75	8	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	5	1	..
Hersey	6	83	2	..	2	3	3	30	125	2	2000	1	500	112	....	388	5	1	6	....	....	....	....	3	2	....	1	1	....	2	....	..
Lake City	3	92	2	1	5	3	2	21	130	2	2200	1	1000	67	....	....	55	5	60	11	2	2	10	8	2	2	....	....	63	30	5	5
Leaton & Ind. Mission	22	110	3	3	7	....	2	18	105	3	3000	1	250	20	51	223	5	....	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	..
Leroy	13	150	2	1	2	7	2	22	130	1	1300	1	400	30	....	....	3	15	18	3	1	2	4	6	1	1	....	....	2	15	1	2
Ludington—1st Church	42	238	....	2	6	11	1	19	200	1	18000	1	1500	70	1700	5000	94	31	125	26	6	6	17	24	6	5	60	15	16	60	12	5
" 4th w., Buttersville	23	81	....	4	4	....	2	25	200	2	2500	1	800	....	....	....	18	7	25	2	1	1	5	4	2	1	....	....	2	10	3	2
Luther	28	100	1	2	4	27	1	17	150	1	1500	1	500	....	....	....	38	7	45	7	1	1	4	5	2	1	44	....	6	18	3	2
Manistee	1	246	1	4	23	17	1	41	400	1	10000	1	1000	290	....	325	29	86	115	10	3	3	10	16	8	4	64	66	78	69	14	5
Marion	7	26	1	1	....	....	2	17	100	1	800	1	200	8	12	351	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
McClure	13	44	....	..	....	1	3	23	83	2	2400	1	500	125	....	187	9	1	10	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	..
McBain	4	70	....	..	1	2	2	16	140	2	1600	1	500	80	100	800	10	2	12	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	....	....	1	9	2	1
Middle Branch	7	57	1	2	9	14	1	9	36	1	275	1	300	100	....	300	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Morley	....	103	1	1	2	6	3	36	275	2	2000	1	600	....	30	285	18	2	20	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	9	....	....	10	2	..
Mt. Pleasant	13	265	....	1	5	20	2	40	300	2	15500	1	3400	725	170	270	....	....	....	4	1	1	4	8	2	1	39	....	6	20	10	..
Paris	34	141	2	3	1	....	3	32	230	3	3500	2	400	....	250	200	10	5	15	2	....	....	1	1	3	....	....	....	1	5	2	1
Reed City	27	206	3	3	1	6	1	24	300	1	4500	1	900	50	....	....	56	19	75	15	2	2	8	....	10	1	63	....	156	42	8	..
Scottsville and Ind. Mis.	18	118	....	4	8	6	2	22	140	2	2700	..	....	134	37	496	10	....	10	1	....	....	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	5	3	..
Sears	26	136	....	1	23	42	3	29	175	1	2000	1	325	125	....	....	18	2	20	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	6	2	2
Shepherd	65	255	....	7	2	15	4	50	400	3	5700	1	1300	125	525	750	40	1	41	12	3	3	12	10	1	2	11	6	1	43	9	1
Stanwood	25	134	1	5	5	1	7	52	360	2	2000	1	500	30	15	350	25	7	32	5	1	1	7	4	1	1	....	....	....	20	2	..
Stetson	25	119	1	..	2	..	5	46	217	2	1500	1	450	450	....	400	15	....	15	1	1	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	2	4	1	2
Stittsville	5	68	....	..	4	2	4	20	110	2	1500	1	400	100	140	125	12	3	15	2	1	....	2	3	2	....	....	....	1	8	1	1
Union	22	176	....	..	7	26	3	39	359	3	2450	..	....	150	....	....	7	33	40	5	2	2	5	5	....	2	32	....	17	20	5	2
Wesley	28	137	2	1	13	15	4	39	232	2	3300	1	600	34	41	109	37	13	50	6	2	1	4	7	6	1	78	....	23	20	3	..
Woodville, and W. Cloud.	25	75	....	2	11	4	5	23	150	2	3000	2	1000	15	....	360	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	..
Totals	979	5642	42	71	261	488	108	1055	8080	79	$162025	41	$29175	$4609	$4098	$14637	$1013	$396	$1409	$221	$51	$51	$184	$227	$121	$ 46	$727	$194	$581	$718	$132	61

Averill, General Conference Expenses, $1.

STATISTICS NO. 3—COLDWATER DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total: Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Allen	C. H. Anderson	$500	$50	$550	$500	$50	$550	.....	$40	$40	$6	$2	$592	$12	....	$12	$55	$30
Athens	E. W. Laing	675	45	720	577	45	622	98	50	50	6	2	674	13	....	13	200	48
Bankers	R. W. Paul	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	43	.....	2	2	.....	.....	45	....	....	.....	.....	20
Bronson	John Zedler	400	75	475	400	75	475	.....	30	30	5	5	510	20	....	20	110	33
Burlington	W. J. Wilcox	300	.....	300	300	.....	300	.....	20	20	5	2	322	13	....	13	60	40
Burr Oak	J. R. Skinner	500	50	550	313	.....	313	237	28	28	4	2	343	8	....	8	65	36
Butler	J. W. White	475	75	550	475	75	550	.....	40	40	6	.....	590	15	....	15	131	30
Cambria	Irving Eagle	500	100	600	415	100	515	85	28	28	6	4	547	30	....	30	50	29
Camden	L. A. Sevits	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	40	40	10	3	643	10	....	10	85	62
Centerville	G. W. Tuthill	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	72	72	.....	2	974	13	....	13	153	87
Coldwater	W. L. Barth	1150	150	1300	1150	150	1300	.....	180	180	34	15	1495	85	....	85	732	265
Colon	H. W. Thompson	600	100	700	650	100	750	.....	44	44	8	8	802	30	....	30	86	64
Constantine	J. B. Pinckard	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	70	70	10	6	976	30	....	30	200	85
Frontier	G. R. Millard	325	.....	325	325	.....	325	.....	26	26	3	2	353	5	....	5	100	60
Gilead	J. Gulick	400	75	475	300	75	375	100	30	30	6	3	408	15	....	15	90	40
Girard	W. P. Mosher	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	56	56	10	3	759	15	....	15	95	50
Hillsdale	M. M. Callen	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	94	94	.....	6	1300	75	....	75	425	100
Jonesville	Joshua White	750	75	825	725	75	800	25	56	56	13	7	863	32	....	32	85	30
Kinderhook	W. W. Aylesworth	500	75	575	530	75	605	.....	36	36	.....	.....	641	20	....	20	30	35
.....	Geo. W. Worden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Leonidas	H. C. Cooley	350	.....	350	350	.....	350	.....	24	24	2	2	376	7	....	7	25	36
North Adams	A. D. Newton	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	68	68	12	7	875	40	....	40	110	28
Osseo	I. W. Wallace	425	75	500	321	75	396	104	28	28	6	.....	424	12	....	12	36	35
Pittsford	John G. Biery	150	.....	150	150	.....	150	.....	12	12	2	1	163	4	....	4	30	12
Quincy	W. H. Parsons	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	80	80	16	10	915	50	....	50	120	44
Ransom	G. W. Howe	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	44	44	8	2	546	7	....	7	150	73
Reading	J. W. Vickers	725	125	850	725	125	850	.....	60	60	10	2	912	20	....	20	175	120
Sherwood	Russell H. Bready	425	.....	425	425	.....	425	.....	32	32	7	7	464	2	....	2	90	38
Sturgis	C. G. Thomas	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	80	80	13	8	1138	34	....	34	250	100
Union City	F. A. Chapman	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	68	68	10	10	978	45	....	45	200	45
Waldron	A. W. Mumford	440	60	500	365	60	425	75	28	28	4	2	455	10	....	10	65	56
White Pigeon	G. A. Brown	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	56	56	10	6	812	30	....	30	121	36
Wheatland	J. E. Kirby	525	75	600	525	75	600	.....	35	35	3	1	636	8	....	8	30	25
Totals	.....	$ 1015	$2430	$20445	$17464	$2380	$19844	$724	$1557	$1557	$235	$130	$21531	$710	....	$710	$4154	$1786

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4—COLDWATER DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Membership.				Bapt.		S. Schools.			Church Property.								Benevolent Collections.															
																		Missions.								Education.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Residue.
Allen	5	133	....	4	3	1	2	26	130	1	$ 7000	1	$ 500	$ 3	.....	.....	$ 26	$ 10	$ 36	$ 2	$ 1	$1	$ 1	$1	$2	$1	....	....	....	$ 12	$ 2	..
Athens	4	113	....	1	3	10	2	27	139	2	3000	1	1200	.....	.....	500	48	7	55	3	1	1	1	....	9	1	....	....	....	13	2	..
Bankers	7	29	....	..	....	....	2	12	60	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Bronson	3	97	1	3	....	....	2	23	100	2	4000	1	600	260	.....	.....	25	5	30	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	....	....	11	....	....	..
Burlington	5	90	1	1	....	....	1	12	117	1	2100	..	.....	30	.....	.....	62	8	70	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	41	....	....	13	2	..
Burr Oak	8	96	1	1	4	9	2	25	75	2	4000	..	.....	1307	1300	700	6	4	10	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	....	....	....	8	2	..
Butler	9	130	2	2	....	2	3	32	200	3	4600	1	600	10	130	.....	35	5	40	2	1	...	2	4	2	....	....	....	....	15	....	..
Cambria	3	75	....	..	....	1	1	20	100	1	3000	1	1000	3	300	100	18	11	29	6	1	1	4	8	5	....	16	....	....	30	4	1
Camden	21	193	1	3	....	5	2	31	175	2	4500	1	1000	25	.....	.....	30	2	32	2	....	..	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	10	3	..
Centerville	17	211	1	4	1	....	2	24	201	2	5800	1	1000	20	100	150	58	12	70	1	1	1	1	5	8	1	44	....	36	13	2	..
Coldwater	47	523	3	7	....	15	2	48	426	1	12000	1	1500	150	595	155	321	54	375	23	5	5	15	30	11	5	650	641	....	85	15	..
Colon	8	162	....	..	2	23	2	17	165	1	4000	1	1500	15	.....	.....	68	12	80	16	2	2	11	13	3	3	13	...	....	30	8	6
Constantine	30	230	1	1	12	46	2	38	225	2	11000	1	600	20	.....	60	73	13	86	5	1	1	4	6	4	2	54	....	....	30	6	..
Frontier	10	90	2	3	2	20	2	20	150	2	5000	..	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	18	18	....	....	...	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	5	2	..
Gilead	18	113	....	2	....	15	2	30	120	2	3500	1	1000	.....	80	.....	20	2	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	....	....	15	3	..
Girard	3	182	....	3	....	6	3	34	194	1	5000	1	800	50	.....	.....	37	3	40	5	1	1	4	4	3	1	....	....	....	15	3	..
Hillsdale	15	335	3	2	7	10	2	54	375	1	13000	1	2000	45	275	625	62	63	125	6	2	2	6	5	8	3	114	22	...	75	6	..
Jonesville	19	212	1	4	2	....	2	31	212	2	3500	1	900	.....	99	565	45	17	62	11	1	1	10	6	4	1	42	....	....	32	7	6
Kinderbrook	5	122	..	3	....	3	2	20	75	1	1800	1	700	130	.....	.....	40	10	50	7	1	1	5	8	....	1	....	....	....	20	....	2
Leonidas	10	70	1	1	....	2	2	15	85	1	1000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	..	18	4	1	1	3	2	2	1	....	....	....	7	2	..
North Adams	10	215	....	5	3	2	1	19	178	1	5000	1	1000	20	10	575	86	14	100	6	1	1	7	8	3	2	....	....	....	40	7	2
Osseo	20	102	....	2	....	....	1	14	110	1	2500	1	700	.....	495	203	15	6	21	1	1	..	.....	....	....	....	46	...	7	12	....	..
Pittsford	4	32	....	1	....	4	1	12	40	1	2400	..	.....	200	.....	300	7	5	12	1	....	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	1	..
Quincy	25	270	1	3	3	4	2	26	240	2	6000	1	1200	25	7	100	125	25	150	10	2	2	10	5	5	3	73	30	....	50	10	5
Ransom	18	144	1	1	1	....	2	32	204	3	6000	1	400	135	.....	.....	33	2	35	1	1	...	1	4	6	....	48	....	....	7	2	..
Reading	8	200	2	2	....	....	2	25	250	2	8300	1	1500	.....	350	1075	62	9	71	1	1	..	1	....	2	....	....	30	4	20	2	..
Sherwood	9	101	1	..	1	9	1	12	80	1	3500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	....	15	1	....	..	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	7	..
Sturgis	3	263	....	1	....	4	1	21	160	1	4500	1	2500	150	75	100	82	18	100	4	1	1	5	3	5	1	35	....	2	34	8	..
Union City	5	192	....	6	2	2	1	20	130	1	10300	1	500	1054	243	157	46	49	95	8	2	2	6	10	3	2	25	40	....	45	10	5
Waldron	27	76	1	1	....	13	2	30	115	1	2000	..	.....	25	115	450	40	...	40	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	....	10	2	..
White Pigeon	11	182	....	1	2	3	2	29	157	2	7200	1	800	20	.....	88	109	17	126	7	1	1	4	15	5	1	85	21	16	30	6	..
Wheatland	5	75	....	..	....	8	2	15	75	2	1400	1	700	....	.....	.....	23	5	28	2	1	1	.....	2	2	....	....	....	....	8	1	..
Totals	392	5058	24	68	48	217	58	794	5063	48	$156900	24	$24200	$3697	$4174	$6503	$1636	$406	$2042	$142	$35	$32	$115	$153	$103	$35	1312	$784	$76	$710	$130	27

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Ashland	Matthew Mullen, Jr.	$300	$12	$312	$220	$ 12	$232	$68	$30	$30	$4	$1	$263	$2	....	$2	$40	$25
Benona	A. E. Hawley	164	.....	164	164	.....	164	.....	10	10	1	1	175	2	....	2	10	24
Berlin and Lamont	J. G. Phillips	375	25	400	375	25	400	67	36	36	4	2	438	7	....	7	99	45
Byron Centre and Dorr	R. J. Slee	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	50	50	7	3	653	15	....	15	100	40
Caledonia	Thomas Boone	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	40	19	2	1	595	4	....	4	50	85
Cannonsburg	Chas. Hayward	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	30	30	5	5	610	18	....	18	98	54
Casnovia	W. F. Glass	450	75	525	380	75	455	70	40	21	5	3	479	7	....	7	65	60
Cedar Springs	Wellington Earle	600	100	700	560	100	660	40	45	45	6	3	708	13	....	13	69	52
Coopersville	J. H. Bennett	610	100	710	634	100	634	76	45	36	6	5	674	15	....	15	40	42
Edgerton and White Creek	C. J. Kruse	360	.....	360	260	.....	260	100	10	10	....	.....	270	1	....	1	.....	.....
Freemont	C. A. Jacokes	700	75	775	548	75	623	152	40	27	.....	4	654	9	....	9	90	60
Grand Haven	J. W. Horner	.....	.....	.....	250	100	350	.....	26	24	3	1	375	2	....	2	82	40
G. Rapids, Ames Church	D. W. Parsons	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	40	40	9	9	949	25	....	25	107	144
" " Dick. & Feak. Mem.	G. W. Sherman	500	.....	500	346	.....	346	154	15	15	3	2	363	8	....	8	82	19
" " Division St	J. C. Floyd	2000	500	2500	2000	500	2500	.....	260	260	32	32	2792	225	178	408	1775	232
" " East St	R. H. Bready	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	100	100	15	10	1310	75	....	75	350	52
" " Epworth	C. S. Wheeler	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	15	15	3	3	618	10	....	10	170	73
" " Joy Memorial	G. A. Odlum	850	.....	850	850	.....	850	.....	35	35	5	5	890	20	....	20	100	80
" " Plainfield Ave	G. C. Draper	900	.....	900	620	.....	620	240	45	35	12	10	665	30	....	30	138	57
" " Second St	G. B. Kulp	1400	250	1650	1400	250	1650	.....	120	120	.....	8	1778	50	..	50	900	200
Grandville	C. W. Jones	520	80	600	495	80	575	25	46	46	.....	2	623	12	....	12	50	75
Hart	T. T. George	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	50	50	7	5	805	21	....	21	210	60
Hastings	Thomas Cox	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	100	100	12	12	1265	70	....	70	300	110
Hastings Circuit	H. C. Chamberlin	500	.....	500	468	.....	468	32	40	40	8	4	512	15	....	15	45	38
Hesperia	M. J. Brownell	500	50	550	269	50	319	231	36	36	6	4	359	10	....	10	.....	31
Holland	Adam Clark	850	150	1000	750	150	900	100	40	30	7	2	932	18	....	18	94	140
Holton	J. M. Westover	176	24	200	121	24	145	55	18	16	1	1	162	1	....	1	25	15
Irving	R. D. Freeman	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	32	32	5	5	612	28	....	28	100	80
Middleville	J. J. Dorris	457	72	529	457	72	529	.....	46	46	3	3	578	10	....	10	60	50
Montague	A. W. Burns	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	48	31	8	2	708	12	....	12	100	90
Muskegon, Central Church	J. P MacCarthy	1300	200	1500	1300	200	1500	.....	115	115	.....	5	1620	80	....	80	830	155
" Lake Wood Heights	R. N. Middleton	750	.....	750	600	.....	600	.....	35	.....	.....	2	602	10	....	10	100	90
North Muskegon	Richard Shier	445	.....	445	340	.....	340	105	20	18	.....	.....	358	5	....	5	25	40
Pentwater	E. A. Tanner	500	.....	500	465	.....	465	35	32	30	.....	1	496	10	....	10	100	60
Ravenna	W. H. Holcomb	450	50	500	369	50	419	81	35	35	4	2	456	....	....	.....	47	34
Robinson	D. R. Lee	410	90	500	448	90	538	.....	24	24	2	.....	562	....	....	.....	25	60
Rockford	Chas. Nease	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	9	5	855	35	5	40	178	93
Shelby	E. S. Sincleir	900	100	1000	900	100	1000	.....	50	50	7	7	1057	61	....	61	165	120
Sparta	L. W. Calkins	600	150	750	568	150	718	32	50	45	9	9	772	15	....	15	86	122
Spring Lake	C. E. Hoag	600	75	675	492	75	567	108	28	27	.....	.....	590	5	....	5	40	85
Wayland	C. W. Marshall	550	60	610	550	60	610	.....	32	32	4	2	644	7	....	7	150	60
Whitehall	Henry Abraham	900	150	1050	724	150	874	176	60	45	8	2	921	5	....	5	200	85
Totals	.....	$27267	$3138	$30405	$25573	$3138	$28711	$2097	$2019	$1856	$222	$183	$30750	$968	$183	$1151	$7455	$2083

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Ashland	9	91	...	2	3	....	1	10	55	2	$ 5000	1	$ 200	.....	$ 150	$ 450	$ 14	$ 2	$ 16	$ 1	$ 1	$1	$ 1	....	$ 5	$ 1	....	....	....	$ 2	$ 1	..
Benona	5	45	1	3	....	....	2	10	50	..	.....	1	40	.....	.....	.....	5	....	5	1	....	...	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	2	1	..
Berlin and Lamont	9	91	....	2	2	10	2	23	105	2	4000	2	700	28	.....	.	15	2	17	4	1	1	2	4	5	1	....	...	2	7	2	2
Byron Centre and Dorr	14	149	....	2	....	8	2	27	200	2	3500	1	600	56	.....	.....	25	6	31	5	1	1	1	5	3	1	42	....	....	15	3	..
Caledonia	4	90	1	1	1	3	3	14	140	3	4550	1	1200	1350	.....	800	6	3	9	....	....	...	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	1	..
Cannonsburg	3	95	1	2	13	6	3	39	174	2	3800	1	800	.....	.....	.....	34	6	40	5	2	2	3	10	6	2	1	1	2	18	5	..
Casnovia	2	67	....	1	....	....	2	22	100	2	2300	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	11	3	14	2	1	1	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	7	3	..
Cedar Springs	19	103	....	2	1	12	2	24	187	2	5000	1	1000	208	.....	.....	19	11	30	6	2	2	7	6	3	2	....	....	....	13	3	..
Coopersville	4	110	1	4	3	17	1	15	73	2	3080	1	1200	300	.....	100	20	1	21	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	....	1	....	15	5	..
Edgerton & White Creek	40	72	....	1	....	32	2	17	80	2	3200	..	.....	.....	.....	905	3	....	3	1	....	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	..
Freemont	4	133	....	3	....	....	1	15	130	1	4000	1	600	.....	70	1300	29	....	29	2	1	1	1	....	1	1	12	....	....	9	4	..
Grand Haven	13	66	....	..	9	2	1	11	80	1	4500	1	1000	121	.....	15	3	11	14	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	2	1	..
G. Rapids, Ames Church	30	288	....	2	4	8	1	26	285	1	6000	..	.. ....	750	70	1150	22	38	60	7	2	2	6	2	3	2	100	43	3	25	9	..
" " Dk. & Fk. Mem.	7	86	1	2	1	....	2	26	115	2	4000	..	.....	155	.....	1900	7	1	8	2	1	1	1	1	6	2	....	....	....	8	2	..
" " Division St.	12	4[illegible]4	3	5	5	6	1	41	344	1	35000	1	7000	.....	500	2800	595	215	810	60	10	8	36	57	31	8	487	147	340	403	32	..
" " East St.	13	311	2	4	2	4	1	27	267	1	12000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	50	220	15	2	1	10	17	6	2	196	70	....	75	10	..
" " Epworth	25	117	....	..	1	9	1	26	215	1	2500	..	.....	156	58	195	10	20	30	5	2	2	3	5	2	2	....	....	13	10	3	5
" " Joy Memorial	30	175	1	1	14	8	2	26	210	1	5000	..	.....	10	.....	3400	20	20	40	10	2	2	5	10	2	2	....	27	2	20	5	1
" " Plainfield Ave.	6	200	....	2	....	....	1	22	191	1	5000	1	3000	1879	650	.....	45	16	61	11	2	2	11	5	7	2	....	7	....	30	10	.
" " Second St.	21	506	....	4	7	9	3	70	897	3	26000	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	150	50	200	4	2	1	4	4	6	2	67	128	....	50	8	..
Grandville	16	116	1	2	1	4	4	32	160	2	4000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	20	....	20	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	....	....	12	2	..
Hart	9	1[illegible]6	3	2	1	10	2	20	155	2	6500	1	1000	235	124	200	22	8	30	2	1	1	2	2	....	1	11	....	15	21	5	..
Hastings	20	269	....	2	7	10	1	30	312	1	7000	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	138	43	181	17	4	4	12	14	5	4	104	170	30	70	12	..
Hastings Circuit	12	127	1	1	1	1	2	29	145	2	2000	1	1000	31	400	672	20	....	20	4	1	1	3	6	6	1	....	....	....	15	4	..
Hesperia	8	164	....	..	....	4	2	32	154	1	1500	1	500	900	.....	.....	.....	5	5	4	1	1	2	....	2	1	14	2	....	10	4	..
Holland	30	202	....	2	10	10	2	30	310	2	6500	1	1500	900	.....	2000	25	21	46	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	32	....	....	18	2	..
Holton	2	41	....	2	...	1	2	20	65	2	1800	1	500	40	.....	.....	3	....	3	1	1	..	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	..
Irving	11	128	1	1	1	9	3	29	173	3	8000	1	700	835	.....	.....	31	14	45	10	2	2	5	10	2	2	....	....	....	28	5	..
Middleville	9	110	....	..	3	14	2	21	170	2	3300	1	700	80	60	20	38	12	50	7	1	1	3	2	7	1	10	1	....	10	3	..
Montague	15	166	....	..	10	2	2	28	200	2	5000	1	1000	250	.....	.....	17	7	24	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	51	....	1	12	2	..
Muskegon, Central Ch.	46	454	3	3	14	19	2	32	510	1	25000	1	2000	.....	1600	.....	125	50	175	10	3	3	10	16	5	2	65	50	....	80	5	..
" L. Wood Hgts	17	159	....	2	14	6	3	39	200	3	5000	..	.....	15	.....	600	9	3	12	2	....	...	.....	3	....	....	....	....	....	10	2	..
North Muskegon	....	55	1	1	....	1	3	22	150	2	2500	..	.....	10	.....	400	8	2	10	1	1	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	..
Pentwater	....	70	....	1	2	....	1	18	125	1	5000	1	500	.....	.....	250	10	20	30	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	10	1	..
Ravenna	7	70	....	2	1	6	1	16	130	1	2000	1	500	700	.....	.....	16	5	21	....	....	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	..
Robinson	3	91	1	2	6	6	5	23	140	1	1000	1	1000	250	.....	175	13	1	14	....	1	...	.....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Rockford	29	212	....	6	....	8	2	26	260	2	6500	1	800	70	11	.....	46	39	85	8	1	1	5	8	3	1	....	....	43	40	5	3
Shelby	31	293	2	6	8	11	2	38	333	1	5000	1	1000	25	96	1200	63	27	90	8	1	1	8	4	4	1	93	....	....	61	7	..
Sparta	7	167	1	2	3	3	2	31	160	2	5000	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	38	12	50	8	2	2	5	5	2	2	59	....	....	15	9	..
Spring Lake	....	95	....	1	2	4	3	29	120	2	4000	1	1000	85	.....	.....	.....	11	11	1	....	...	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	5	..	..
Wayland	2	128	1	2	2	1	3	15	120	3	5000	1	500	300	.....	125	8	5	13	2	....	...	.....	....	2	....	....	....	....	7	2	..
Whitehall	5	71	....	..	4	7	1	8	90	1	4500	1	1200	150	100	200	10	12	22	....	1	...	.....	4	6	...	94	15	....	5	2	..
Totals	549	6490	25	73	156	272	84	959	7140	71	$255400	35	$40240	$9889	$3889	$18857	$1863	$752	$2615	$227	$49	$51	$163	$219	$114	$54	1440	$662	$451	1151	$183	11

General Conference Expenses—Cannonsburg $3- Coopersville $1, Rockford $1.

STATISTICS NO. 3—GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Alanson	J. L. Mershon	$ 325	.....	$ 325	$325	.....	$ 325	.....	$18	$18	$ 1	$ 1	$344	$ 8	....	$ 8	$ 75	$ 20
Alden	M. E. Reusch	300	50	350	280	50	330	20	20	13	1	1	344	3	....	3	25	11
Bear Lake	J. Burdge	500	50	550	450	50	500	50	36	33	.....	3	536	10	....	10	100	75
Bellaire	R. J. Flewelling	425	70	495	438	70	508	.....	28	28	2	2	538	10	...	10	50	57
Benzonia	W. M. D. Riggs	335	72	407	335	72	407		28	22	.....	.....	429	....	....	6	65	35
Boon	E. Burt	200	48	248	150	48	198	50	16	9	.....	.....	207	....	....	.....	45	8
Boyne City	L. S. Mathews	540	60	600	460	60	520	80	28	25	1	1	546	12	....	12	75	50
Central Lake	R. Batterbee	400	.....	400	243	.....	243	157	28	28	2	1	272	5	....	5	35	.....
Charlevoix	J. W. Hallenbeck	900	200	1100	854	200	1054	46	45	45	2	2	1101	31	....	31	182	89
" Circuit	A. H. McComb	300	50	350	300	50	350	.....	16	16	1	1	367	5	....	5	52	28
Clarion	R. E. Yost	300	48	348	300	48	348		26	26	1	1	375	12	....	12	85	45
Copemish	G. W. Barnes	305	48	353	326	48	374	.....	18	17	1	.....	391	4	....	4	.....	.....
Cross Village	L. B. Carpenter	310	9	319	301	9	310	9	26	26	.....	.....	336	....	5	5	.....	.....
East Jordan	J. A. DeGraff	600	80	6 0	660	80	740	.....	40	40	1	2	782	25	....	25	58	83
Elk Rapids	J. W. Miller	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	50	50	2	2	752	12	....	12	100	50
Empire	M. W. Wood	400	50	450	359	50	409	41	20	16	.....	.....	424	....	....	.....	25	55
Fife Lake	W. Z. Cole	400	60	460	400	60	460	.....	28	28	3	3	419	10	....	10	75	45
Frankfort	F. J. Freeman	440	100	540	400	100	500	40	24	24	2	1	525	4	....	4	150	50
Harbor Springs	G. S. Robinson	740	60	800	740	60	800	.....	34	29	3	1	830	12	....	12	126	40
Inland	O. D. Watkins	400	50	450	301	50	351	99	24	24	2	2	377	7	....	7	30	47
Kalkaska	J. C. Beach	540	100	640	418	100	518	122	34	31	2	2	551	9	....	9	45	49
Kewadin and Ind. Miss.	John Jacobs	250	.....	250	190	.....	190	60	16	16	.....	1	207	1	....	1	.....	.....
Kingsley	H. E. Wylie	300	.....	300	311	.....	311	.....	16	16	1	1	32[illegible]	5	....	5	30	34
Mackinaw City	D. Engle	125	.....	125	125	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	126	1	....	1	.....	8
Mancelona	J. W. Hart	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	56	56	2	2	80[illegible]	25	....	25	146	93
Manton	Levi Aler	355	75	430	313	75	388	42	28	26	1	1	415	6	....	6	55	40
Monroe Center	A. A. Darling	325	30	355	325	30	355	.....	28	28	2	2	3[illegible]5	10	....	10	30	40
Northport and Ind. Miss.	P. E. Whitman	300	75	375	300	75	375	.....	32	32	1	1	408	6	....	6	50	45
Norwood	James Allen	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	48	48	.....	4	712	8	....	8	110	79
Old Mission	Willard Heath	400	.....	400	250	.....	250	150	24	16	1	1	267	6	....	6	50	40
Petoskey	R. S. McGregor	1400	200	1600	1400	200	1600	.....	108	108	13	13	1721	42	....	42	57[illegible]	212
Sherman	Hugh Kennedy	368	72	440	380	72	452	.....	24	24	1	1	477	9	....	9	100	40
Torch Lake	F. H. Richard	435	30	465	411	30	441	24	30	22	1	1	464	5	....	5	40	47
Traverse City	W. A. Frye	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	120	120	5	5	1425	45	....	45	250	118
West Traverse City	H. W. Smith	300	75	375	300	75	375	.....	28	28	1	1	404	5	....	5	40	45
Williamsburg	D. A. Green	400	50	450	316	50	366	84	28	13	1	1	3[illegible]0	3	....	3	50	45
Total	.....	$1676[illegible]	$2072	$18[illegible]40	$15811	$2072	$17883	$1074	$1173	$1101	$57	$ 62	$19046	$362	$ 5	$367	$292[illegible]	$1726

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4—GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Membership.				Bapt.		S. Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Residnc.
Alanson	40	120	2	..	6	48	2	15	100	3	$ 2500	1	$ 150	$ 350	$ 10	$ 200	$ 12	....	$ 12	$ 4	$1	$1	$ 2	$ 2	$3	$1	....	....	....	$ 8	$ 1	..
Alden	2	57	2	1	....	2	2	13	75	2	2000	1	800	200	100	90	5	...	5	1	...	..	1	1	5	....	....	....	....	3	1	..
Bear Lake	159	160	2	1	3	8	4	30	220	3	3500	1	500	.....	.....	....	15	....	15	3	....	..	2	2	2	...	...	....	....	10	3	..
Bellaire	22	88	1	1	....	....	2	26	175	1	4500	1	700	100	.....	1330	15	....	15	4	1	1	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	10	2	..
Benzonia	26	92	....	3	2	33	2	21	119	3	3000	1	800	100	.....	100	12	....	12	3	1	..	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	6	....	..
Boon	34	17	....	1	1	2	1	11	65	..	.....	1	300	.....	.....	180	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Boyne City	3	110	....	1	....	1	2	22	100	2	3500	1	400	.....	75	800	18	2	20	5	1	1	4	....	2	1	17	....	45	12	1	..
Central Lake	11	105	1	1	....	....	2	12	95	2	4400	..	.....	95	49	415	12	....	12	3	....	..	2	2	3	....	....	....	....	5	1	..
Charlevoix	54	233	1	5	9	16	1	15	259	1	3000	1	1500	126	.....	225	62	8	70	6	2	2	4	20	5	2	....	16	....	31	2	..
" Circuit	26	77	1	2	15	11	3	27	100	1	500	1	150	345	.....	100	8	....	8	2	1	1	1	2	....	1	...	....	....	5	1	..
Clarion	17	115	1	1	5	5	2	22	157	2	2000	1	250	10	.....	150	15	5	20	4	1	1	3	4	3	1	....	....	....	12	1	..
Copemish	12	....	2	..	10	1	3	27	150	2	1300	1	200	.....	100	445	4	1	5	1	....	..	.....	....	1	....	....	....	....	4	....	..
Cross Village	12	85	....	..	....	....	1	7	30	..	.....	1	400	90	.....	60	15	....	15	....	....	..	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	..
East Jordan	40	200	1	1	10	4	4	40	260	1	2000	1	750	276	30	620	60	20	80	7	1	1	6	11	5	2	....	....	33	25	2	..
Elk Rapids	10	170	2	2	7	2	2	30	140	2	3000	1	1000	50	30	500	32	....	32	5	1	1	2	2	4	1	29	....	....	12	2	..
Empire	4	84	1	1	4	1	2	18	150	2	2000	2	1000	.....	50	200	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Fife Lake	29	118	....	3	....	18	4	39	175	3	3500	1	500	50	50	250	15	....	15	4	1	1	3	3	3	2	....	....	....	10	3	..
Frankfort	9	49	....	1	1	....	2	27	148	2	2500	1	800	400	50	400	8	....	8	3	1	..	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	4	1	..
Harbor Springs	40	164	....	..	6	11	1	21	150	1	2500	1	500	15	55	145	20	10	30	5	....	..	2	1	3	....	....	35	....	12	1	..
Inland	2	43	1	..	....	1	4	36	154	1	800	1	600	61	12	31	12	5	15	1	1	5	1	1	2	1	...	....	1	7	2	..
Kalkaska	20	139	1	3	1	13	1	15	136	3	3114	1	700	200	10	40	17	3	20	4	1	1	6	....	4	1	....	....	6	9	2	.
Kewadin Ind. Mission	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	3	900	1	100	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	1	....	..	.....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	.
Kingsley	11	67	2	1	....	3	3	20	95	1	1500	..	.....	40	.....	424	6	....	6	2	1	1	1	7	3	1	....	....	....	5	1	.
Mackinaw City	....	25	1	..	1	....	1	5	20	1	2000	..	.....	.....	30	230	2	....	2	....	....	..	.....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	.
Mancelona	21	166	1	3	5	8	4	32	205	3	3300	1	800	115	.....	.....	80	15	95	6	2	2	4	13	9	2	46	....	8	25	2	..
Manton	10	81	....	..	6	7	3	28	180	1	1800	1	600	20	.....	.....	10	3	13	2	1	1	4	2	2	1	....	....	....	6	1	..
Monroe Center	16	88	....	2	....	10	4	33	170	1	600	1	200	25	.....	.....	7	8	15	4	1	..	2	1	3	1	....	....	....	10	2	..
Northport and Ind. Miss.	5	135	4	6	12	....	3	28	155	2	2000	1	500	45	.....	180	12	1	13	3	1	1	2	2	3	2	....	....	....	6	1	..
Norwood	....	149	1	2	6	2	3	40	148	3	5000	1	500	418	.....	75	34	6	40	4	1	1	4	....	12	2	...	....	....	8	4	..
Old Mission	4	54	....	4	2	....	2	16	65	3	2500	..	.....	40	25	100	7	....	7	1	....	..	.....	1	1	....	....	1	....	6	1	..
Petoskey	47	553	4	8	11	11	2	49	442	1	17000	1	5000	1222	.....	3200	175	35	210	23	3	3	18	30	10	5	166	162	14	42	13	14
Sherman	50	60		1	2	25	2	24	160	1	1500	1	500	.....	.....	.....	12	....	12	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	....	....	....	9	1	..
Torch Lake	8	106	1	2	13	2	4	22	180	2	1200	1	700	12	175	.....	8	....	8	2	....	..	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	5	1	..
Traverse City	10	400	1	..	4	12	1	22	300	1	6000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	35	135	15	3	2	14	18	10	3	85	89	....	45	5	..
West Traverse City	34	115	....	1	....	4	2	24	150	1	1200	1	800	500	.....	300	8	....	8	2	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	5	1	..
Williamsburg	5	106	1	..	5	5	3	35	173	2	3100	1	400	100	18	342	4	2	6	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	3	1	..
Totals	793	4331	35	59	147	276	84	856	5401	68	$89214	32	$20100	$5005	$869	$11162	$822	$157	$979	$134	$30	$29	$101	$135	$104	$36	$343	$303	$107	$367	$62	14

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Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total: Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Ada	Wm. J. Slee	$300	.....	$300	$ 300	.....	$300	.....	$21	$21	$3	$1	$322	$5	....	$5	$ 30	$ 39
Belding	O. J. Golden	704	96	800	704	96	800	.....	56	56	5	3	859	10	....	10	150	.....
Berlin Center	Elton Harring	250	.....	250	216	.....	216	34	21	21	3	3	240	....	....	.....	36	21
Bowne	J. H. Wesbrook	600	50	650	570	50	620	30	46	46	12	4	670	....	....	20	75	100
Caldwell	A. E. Carman	225	.....	225	205	.....	205	20	20	20	2	.....	225	....	—	1	10	25
Carson City	J. W. Davids	900	150	1050	850	150	1000	50	23	58	.....	3	1061	15	....	15	200	100
Crystal	A. B. Johnson	400	.....	400	288	.....	288	112	20	20	.....	.....	308	5	....	5	25	.....
Dushville	P. D. Huff	400	50	450	382	50	432	18	35	35	7	4	471	6	....	6	40	.....
Edmore	A. C. Parsons	450	.....	450	450	.....	450	.....	32	32	4	2	484	2	....	2	75	60
Entrican	D. A. Rood	275	50	325	275	25	300	25	28	20	.....	1	321	2	....	2	20	9
Freeport	J. R. Wooton	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	38	38	.....	.....	588	10	....	10	60	55
Greenville Circuit	W. R Stinchcomb	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	49	44	6	4	698	10	....	10	60	.....
Howard City and Coral	Wm. Judd	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	63	60	7	3	713	8	....	8	175	75
Hubbardston	N. M. Barnes	500	60	560	520	60	580	.....	33	33	4	5	618	20	....	20	115	40
Ionia	D. F. Barnes	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	112	112	25	25	1437	70	....	70	1000	55
Lake Odessa	Arthur Trott	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	56	51	10	2	803	10	....	10	93	75
Lake View	D. S. Haviland	500	50	550	362	.....	362	188	40	33	4	2	397	12	....	12	45	28
Lowell	A. P. Moors	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	63	63	13	7	970	47	....	47	246	58
Lyons	W. E. Ogden	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	42	32	.....	3	635	6		6	75	30
Millbrook	W. J. Massey	325	50	375	225	50	275	100	26	26	5	1	302	....	....	4	150	50
Nashville	W. J. Wilson	725	.....	725	725	.....	725	.....	52	52	.....	.....	777	5	....	5	125	75
Newaygo and Oak Grove	Willard Aldrich	300	.....	300	225	30	255	45	28	18	.....	.....	273	5	....	5	5	30
Orange	H. R. Hawley	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	52	20	7	7	702	30	....	30	118	45
Orleans	A. K. Stewart	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	45	45	14	8	703	35	....	35	125	66
Palo	John Dobson	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	45	45	11	3	698	26	....	26	80	55
Pierson and Sand Lake	J. C. Dietrick	435	25	460	435	25	460	.....	35	35	3	1	496	3	....	3	80	80
Portland	N. S. Bray	1000	125	1125	1000	125	1125	.....	80	80	10	10	1215	62	....	62	199	50
Remus	C. W. Holden	400	50	450	400	50	450	.....	32	32	4	.....	482	3	....	3	52	45
Saranac	W. H. Wright	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	35	35	.....	4	614	10	....	10	55	42
Sebewa	N. E. Gibbs	650	75	725	630	75	705	20	51	51	7	3	759	20	....	20	140	72
Sheridan	C. M. Welch	650	.....	650	657	.....	657	.....	51	51	8	8	716	40	....	40	128	84
South Lowell and S. Boston	E. W. Davis	450	.....	450	450	.....	450	.....	32	32	7	7	489	29	....	29	100	70
Stanton	J. S. Valentine	600	50	650	448	50	498	152	45	17	.....	2	517	5	....	5	40	30
Vergennes and Keene	J. W. Rochelle	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	35	35	4	4	539	17	....	17	232	30
Woodland	F. A. VanDeWalker	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	42	42	6	6	648	26	....	26	75	48
Totals	.....	$19289	$1781	$21070	$18467	$1736	$20203	$894	$1534	$1411	$191	$136	$21750	$554	....	$554	$4134	$1633

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4—IONIA DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Membership.				Bapt.		S. Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.																
																	Missions.							Education.									
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Residnc.
Ada	5	68	....	..	1	9	2	14	86	2	$ 2500	..	.....	$217	.....	$ 100	$10	....	$ 10	$ 1	....	..	$ 1	$ 2	$ 1	$ 1	....	....	....	$ 5	$ 1	..
Belding	50	196	1	2	5	28	2	31	230	2	3500	1	1000	.....	50	1000	47	20	67	..	....	..	.....	....	3	....	....	....	55	10	2	..
Berlin Center	35	93	....	2	....	7	1	16	140	1	1500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	....	....	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	..
Bowne	15	250	1	..	1	27	3	28	250	2	7000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	28	2	30	4	1	1	4	12	4	1	....	....	58	20	4	5
Caldwell	13	50	....	1	...	...	2	13	75	1	200	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	....	4	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	..
Carson City	12	300	....	3	3	2	2	32	2.0	2	6000	1	1800	.....	500	.....	43	17	60	1	1	1	1	3	4	1	35	13	35	15	3	..
Crystal	15	67	1	..	....	12	...	....	....	..	.....	..	.....	120	5	.....	5	...	5	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	..
Dushville	36	134	....	..	1	18	4	31	160	4	4500	1	500	.....	20	200	5	...	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	4	....	6	4	..
Edmore	26	101	..	3	....	7	2	24	155	2	4300	..	.....	.....	90	250	5	3	8	..	....	..	.....	....	1	...	....	...	3	2	1	..
Entrican	30	30	2	1	....	8	3	28	120	2	1400	1	600	7	.....	.....	9	....	9	....	....	..	.....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	..
Freeport	10	92	....	..	2	2	2	25	190	2	5500	1	500	800	530	1200	17	7	24	2	1	1	9	5	5	1	....	....	....	10	....	..
Greenville Circuit	3	169	....	2	1	2	3	40	196	3	3000	1	750	125	17	240	23	2	25	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	13	....	....	10	4	..
Howard City and Coral	12	140	2	4	....	12	3	42	320	2	3000	2	1100	75	.....	675	20	....	20	4	1	1	3	1	3	1	....	....	....	8	3	..
Hubbardston	5	106	....	3	1	2	1	19	142	3	4000	1	500	50	.....	.....	19	17	36	3	1	1	1	8	2	1	20	....	20	20	5	5
Ionia	12	404	2	6	1	3	1	33	400	1	35000	..	.....	.....	2000	.....	84	44	128	8	3	2	8	5	8	3	56	93	314	70	25	..
Lake Odessa	8	174	1	2	....	....	2	38	230	1	1800	1	1200	117	265	700	5	60	65	5	1	1	5	6	4	1	16	...	....	10	2	..
Lake View	1	63	1	1	....	..	1	14	80	1	2000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	18	5	23	4	1	1	3	4	3	1	....	...	15	12	2	..
Lowell	19	224	....	3	4	12	1	21	209	1	7500	1	1200	.....	.....	.....	93	30	123	18	2	2	12	15	4	3	35	29	8	47	7	7
Lyons	5	60	....	..	1	1	1	11	70	2	4500	1	1000	.....	20	40	4	6	10	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	....	...	....	6	3	..
Millbrook	59	82	....	1	3	16	2	24	170	3	3000	1	500	.....	100	....	4	4	8	....	..	..	.....	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	2	..
Nashville	2	235	...	1	....	8	1	18	125	2	6000	..	.....	20	.....	300	13	12	25	....	..	..	.....	....	5	....	....	....	11	5	....	11
Newaygo and Oak Grove	14	108	...	5	....	4	2	19	135	2	2500	1	500	41	28	100	6	1	7	....	....	..	3	..	..	....	....	..	....	5	....	..
Orange	4	130	....	1	....	....	2	27	130	2	4000	1	1000	37	.....	.....	45	....	45	6	2	2	6	5	6	2	33	24	132	30	7	..
Orleans	20	236	3	1	6	3	3	37	179	4	6100	1	500	206	40	.....	40	...	40	8	1	1	5	8	2	1	....	....	....	35	8	..
Palo	14	226	....	1	1	9	1	17	125	2	3000	1	600	21	.....	60	29	24	53	7	1	1	5	6	4	1	44	....	37	26	3	..
Pierson and Sand Lake	4	138	....	2	....	2	5	52	287	3	2000	1	500	200	.....	.....	17	...	17	1	....	..	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	..
Portland	6	375	1	1	5	5	1	19	200	1	8000	1	1500	150	.....	.....	50	70	120	20	2	2	10	12	8	2	61	188	10	62	10	10
Remus	7	73	....	..	....	....	3	27	210	3	3000	1	450	5	.....	450	4	.	4	1	....	..	3	...	1	....	....	....	....	3	....	..
Saranac	8	147	1	3	9	16	1	15	100	1	2500	1	600	1200	.....	.....	8	17	25	4	1	1	2	5	3	1	....	....	11	10	4	..
Sebewa	20	140	....	..	....	5	3	42	240	3	5400	1	1000	50	100	470	32	8	40	3	1	1	2	13	2	1	....	....	25	20	3	..
Sheridan	20	167	..	..	....	15	3	30	220	3	6000	..	.....	28	.....	.....	81	9	90	12	3	3	12	6	6	2	3	....	59	40	8	..
S. Lowell and S. Boston	54	134	1	6	3	31	2	28	211	2	2800	..	.....	25	.....	.....	49	20	69	14	2	2	9	11	5	2	67	....	7	29	7	6
Stanton	5	116	....	1	....	7	2	22	150	2	2500	1	200	54	.....	.....	7	6	13	1	1	1	1	....	3	1	7	....	....	5	....	..
Vergennes and Keene	60	114	....	2	....	80	2	25	100	2	4000	..	.....	....	.....	.....	38	....	28	5	1	1	8	2	5	1	2	....	....	17	4	..
Woodland	12	103	1	3	1	....	2	27	192	2	2700	1	500	37	.....	.....	60	2	62	12	2	2	13	10	8	2	72	....	20	26	5	..
Totals	621	5350	18	61	49	354	71	886	6097	69	$164500	26	$19600	$2505	$3765	$5010	$940	$386	$1326	$159	$32	$31	$129	$127	$115	$33	$464	$351	$831	$579	$136	44

STATISTICS NO. 3—KALAMAZOO DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total: Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Allegan	J. C. Cook	$725	$100	$825	$640	$100	$740	$85	$70	$56	$7	$3	$799	$16	....	$16	$100	$65
Augusta	R. E. Meader	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	42	42	6	4	546	25	....	25	110	55
Banfield	F. W. Haist	515	50	565	465	50	515	50	48	42	7	3	560	15	....	15	34	47
Bloomingdale	Thomas Laity	600	75	675	586	75	661	14	56	56	10	4	721	17	....	17	210	125
Casco	A. M. Griffith	.....	.....	.....	265	.....	265	.....	.....	.....	6	2	267	16	....	16	54	35
Climax	E. E. Deal	650	100	750	559	100	659	91	63	47	11	5	711	25	....	25	120	50
Comstock	C. T. Van Antwerp	500	80	580	350	80	430	150	40	25	5	1	456	6	....	6	30	15
Cooper	Louis Blanchett	500	50	550	460	50	510	40	46	36	6	2	548	10	....	10	80	.....
Delton	L. P. Richtmyer	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	34	34	5	3	437	10	....	10	13	25
Douglass and Saugatuck	N. D. March	500	75	575	400	75	475	100	47	28	6	1	504	5	....	5	.....	87
Fennville	W. W. Allen	475	66	541	365	66	431	110	46	36	4	2	469	8	....	8	100	53
Fulton	M. F. Loomis	550	75	625	512	75	587	38	53	50	10	4	641	15	....	15	94	54
Galesburg	E. O. Mather	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	55	45	10	3	698	15	....	15	115	54
Ganges	A. M. Griffith	620	50	670	620	50	670	.....	55	55	.....	.....	725	37	....	37	104	55
Gobleville	N. S. Tuttle	400	50	450	341	50	391	59	38	38	5	.....	429	1	....	1	42	52
Kalamazoo—East Avenue	L. N. Pattison	800	.....	800	800		800	.....	68	68	8	8	876	25	....	25	150	65
" First Church	Louis DeLamarter	1800	.....	1800	1800	.....	1800	.....	180	180	41	20	2000	69	....	69	1503	59
" Simpson	C. W. East	835	.....	835	835	.....	835	.....	68	68	9	9	912	37	....	37	208	70
" Circuit	A. M. Gould	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Kendall	George Donaldson	300	.....	300	206	.....	206	94	25	17	.....	.....	223	5	....	5	45	20
Lacota	W. A. Johnson	300	50	350	308	50	358		25	20	4	1	397	4	....	4	75	40
Martin	W. A. Phelps	600	75	675	635	75	710	.....	58	58	12	12	780	50	....	50	125	60
Mendon	J. W. McDougall	725	100	825	725	100	825	.....	70	70	12	5	900	35	....	35	200	77
Monterey	F. M. Cosner	400	60	460	343	47	390	70	34	29	3	1	420	3	....	3	25	36
Nottawa Indian Mission	Lewis Medawis	50	.....	50	45	.....	45	5	.....	11	.....	.....	56	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Oshtemo	J. H. Wilcox	400	50	450	460	50	510	.....	38	38	5	5	553	5	....	5	75	15
Otsego	W. H. Stacey	766	100	866	766	100	866	.....	72	72	9	1	939	30	....	30	175	100
Parkville	S. Trewin	400	50	450	275	50	325	125	38	24	5	1	350	5	...	5	75	50
Plainwell	A. F. Hart	800	50	850	800	50	850	.....	72	72	12	9	931	45	....	45	143	99
Prairieville	J. W. Buell	550	50	600	500	50	550	50	51	50	9	2	602	20	....	20	100	45
Richland	J. B. Peatling	475	75	550	475	75	550	.....	46	40	4	2	592	13	....	13	150	62
Schoolcraft	J. F. Peschman	500	100	600	550	100	650	.....	51	51	8	3	704	15	....	15	115	50
South Haven	W. J. Hathaway	800	150	950	750	150	900	50	76	50	10	6	956	42	....	42	150	55
Three Rivers	E. G. Lewis	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	100	100	24	5	1255	53	....	53	500	100
Trowbridge	C. M. Merrill	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	34	34	6	2	436	13	....	13	60	25
Vicksburg	W. W. Lamport	650	50	700	650	50	700	.....	59	52	.....	2	754	20	....	20	115	45
Totals	.....	$19986	$2031	$22017	$19286	$2018	$21304	$1131	$1858	$1694	$279	$131	$23129	$710	....	$710	$5195	$1845

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	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Residue.
Allegan	9	143	....	..	1	....	2	25	157	2	$ 4800	2	$1650	$ 446	.....	$ 100	$ 28	$ 4	$ 32	$5	$1	$1	$ 9	$ 21	$ 2	$1	....	$ 50	$ 5	$16	$ 3	$4
Augusta	38	126	....	5	15	36	3	30	150	2	4000	1	1000	.....	.. ..	.....	58	17	75	7	2	2	6	14	5	1	7	...	....	25	4	..
Banfield	4	137	1	4	....	1	3	31	159	3	3000	1	800	7	.....	.....	20	10	30	7	1	1	7	6	2	1	...	....	....	15	3	..
Bloomingdale	10	223	2	5	....	16	5	48	250	4	5200	1	500	46	150	300	34	7	41	7	1	1	7	4	3	1	....	....	10	17	4	6
Case	5	64	....	..	....	....	1	12	105	1	2500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	....	25	....	....	..	.....	3	2	....	58	....	2	16	2	2
Climax	30	151	....	6	2	4	3	34	180	2	7500	1	1500	25	.....	.....	61	6	67	4	2	1	10	11	4	1	59	...	5	25	5	5
Comstock	33	44	....	2	13	11	2	16	121	1	3500	1	850	.....	.....	.....	12	2	14	2	1	..	2	2	1	1	....	....	6	6	1	..
Cooper	3	107	....	..	....	3	2	24	110	2	2500	1	1000	5	.....	.....	36	4	40	3	1	1	4	4	2	1	17	....	2	10	2	2
Delton	8	79	....	..	....	....	3	25	82	1	1200	..	.....	11	.....	.....	16	4	20	2	1	1	2	3	4	1	....	....	....	10	3	..
Douglass and Saugatuck	5	89	....	1	7	1	2	34	159	2	3000	1	900	45	47	250	7	....	7	2	2	1	2	2	....	1	....	....	5	5	1	..
Fennville	8	100	....	1	....	4	2	18	140	2	4000	..	.....	24	50	1600	6	....	6	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	....	....	....	8	2	..
Fulton	8	1 6	1	2	2	3	2	24	175	1	3000	1	1300	250	.....	.....	50	7	57	4	1	1	6	4	3	1	35	....	....	15	4	..
Galesburg	2	171	1	7	....	5	1	19	185	1	9000	1	1600	25	65	.....	67	16	83	3	1	1	2	9	3	1	65	....	....	15	3	..
Ganges	14	18	....	2	2	25	1	18	180	1	5000	1	1200	1650	.....	300	82	8	90	15	1	1	10	12	3	1	....	3	7	37	7	7
Gobleville	1	77	....	2	....	....	2	25	100	2	3200	1	800	87	33	600	1	....	1	....	....	..	3	...	4	....	....	1	....	1	1	..
Kalamazoo—East Ave.	5	110	....	2	3	10	1	16	175	1	6000	..	.....	.....	.....	900	60	20	80	10	1	1	5	10	8	1	65	....	2	25	8	..
" First Church	4	574	1	2	....	10	1	45	500	1	40000	..	.....	.....	2200	.....	202	98	300	55	3	3	17	11	13	5	100	232	....	69	20	..
" Simpson	2	177	....	2	1	3	1	31	200	1	5500	..	.....	41	70	1200	61	29	90	7	3	3	11	15	13	3	25	51	8	37	9	..
" Circuit	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Kendall	....	48	....	1	.. ..	....	1	11	46	1	2000	1	300	35	.....	.....	3	....	3	....	....	..	.....	1	1	....	....	....	....	5	....	..
Lacota	3	56	....	1	....	....	1	13	130	1	2500	1	500	60	7	.....	6	3	9	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	22	....	....	4	2	..
Martin	16	188	....	1	1	5	2	30	190	2	3500	1	1200	.....	.....	.....	210	....	210	24	5	5	25	25	14	4	45	....	120	50	12	10
Mendon	9	250	....	2	2	7	2	32	260	2	3 00	1	800	.....	.....	.....	30	35	65	10	1	1	12	20	7	2	35	....	22	35	5	6
Monterey	4	60	1	2	1	....	3	22	120	1	1000	1	100	.....	.....	.....	3	....	3	....	....	..	.....	1	3	..	....	...	....	3	1	..
Nottawa Indian Mission	....	75	....	8	7	....	1	5	22	..	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Oshtemo	....	65	....	1	1	3	1	14	70	1	2500	1	900	.....	.....	280	10	6	16	1	....	..	1	2	2	....	....	....	....	5	5	..
Otsego	2	310	....	3	2	4	1	24	220	1	7100	1	1000	100	.....	1275	90	20	110	4	1	1	4	2	4	1	....	....	....	30	1	..
Parkville	2	101	....	2	....	....	2	20	110	2	6000	1	500	.....	17	.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.. ..	5	1	..
Plainwell	5	230	....	4	2	7	1	31	239	1	4000	1	600	10	.....	.....	82	43	125	14	2	2	10	8	4	2	81	71	....	45	9	..
Prairieville	8	122	....	..	....	....	3	30	140	3	5000	1	800	5	.....	.....	46	....	65	5	2	1	11	15	2	1	46	12	37	20	2	..
Richland	14	115	....	2	....	17	2	26	135	2	4000	1	800	25	.....	.....	30	5	35	5	....	..	3	5	1	....	11	....	2	13	2	
Schoolcraft	9	118	....	..	2	11	1	18	105	1	3000	1	1000	25	.....	.....	25	5	30	5	1	1	3	3	1	1	26	....	2	15	3	..
South Haven	25	310	1	3	....	5	1	21	300	1	10000	1	1500	100	500	1200	65	24	89	10	2	2	6	4	3	2	37	...	1	42	6	..
Three Rivers	....	280	2	5	....	....	1	22	180	1	29000	1	2000	.....	300	950	32	18	50	5	1	1	5	28	2	1	93	119	....	53	5	..
Trowbridge	8	144	..	..	2	....	1	17	107	1	1000	1	900	700	.....	.....	20	10	30	6	1	1	3	7	3	1	....	....	....	13	2	..
Vicksburg	12	158	1	2	1	3	2	25	177	2	3600	1	600	82	.....	.....	22	8	30	2	1	1	3	....	3	1	56	35	2	20	2	..
Totals	306	5276	11	80	67	194	63	836	5679	53	$200900	30	$26800	$3804	$3439	$8955	$1500	$409	$1909	$22	$41	$37	$192	$256	$125	$39	$825	$632	$231	$710	$140	46

General Conference Expenses—Fenville, $1.00.

STATISTICS NO. 3.—LANSING DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Alma	J. W. McAllister	$850	.....	$ 850	$850	.....	$850	.....	$52	$52	.....	.....	$902	$8	....	$8	$130	$100
Bannister	Thomas Young	600	30	630	600	$30	630	.....	44	44	4	4	678	32	....	32	70	50
Bath	A. A. Stephens	525	75	600	565	75	640	.....	42	42	10	3	685	20	...	20	125	55
Breckenridge	B. J. Youngs	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	35	35	.....	3	538	10	...	10	138	84
Charlotte	G. D. Chase	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	98	98	25	8	1456	70	....	70	500	100
Danby	A. T. Cartland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Delta	J. E. Foote	525	75	600	525	75	600	.....	42	42	.....	2	644	10	....	10	100	50
DeWitt	F. L. Niles	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	45	45	9	7	702	36	....	36	175	80
Eagle	L. B. Kenyon	425	75	500	425	75	500	.....	35	35	8	1	536	4	...	4	100	40
Eaton Circuit	Geo. H. Burge	455	50	505	455	50	505	.....	31	32	11	3	540	13	....	13	100	35
Eaton Rapids	J. G. Crosier	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	94	94	24	12	1456	90	....	90	250	51
Elm Hall	W. A. Robinson	436	.....	436	403	.....	403	33	43	40	4	2	445	15	....	15	100	72
Elsie	W. L. Holmes	650	100	750	657	100	757	.....	49	49	17	5	811	32	...	32	175	64
Grand Ledge	W. A. Taylor	740	115	855	760	115	875	.....	52	52	7	2	929	15	...	15	125	60
Gresham	E. R. Lyon	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	38	38	8	1	589	20	....	20	75	60
Ithaca	Geo. Killeen	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	63	63	.....	7	970	25	....	25	170	100
Lafayette	J. H. Hoover	200	.....	200	165	.....	165	35	14	15	.....	.....	180	9	....	9	50	25
Lansing—Central	F. L. Thompson	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	119	119	48	35	1854	142	....	142	1988	173
" First Church	H. H. Ford	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	70	70	12	2	872	40	....	40	190	80
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	A. O. Carmen	700	75	775	700	75	775	.....	54	54	16	5	834	35	....	35	165	80
Mason	W. H. B. Urch	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	84	84	....	7	1291	51	....	51	248	138
Okemos and Holt	A. W. Simmons	400	50	450	380	50	430	20	38	38	9	2	470	12	....	12	90	56
Ovid	J. A. Bready	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	88	88	22	22	1360	91	....	91	425	100
Perrinton	H. D. Skinner	700	50	750	700	50	750	.....	52	52	11	2	804	15	....	15	233	130
Potterville	Geo. Bullen	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	56	56	8	4	825	20	....	20	118	56
St. Johns	D. D. Martin	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	84	84	21	14	1448	61	...	61	500	100
St. Louis	A. T. Luther	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	63	63	17	2	965	26	....	26	120	40
Sethton	N. W. Weston	350	.....	350	254	.....	254	96	24	24	4	2	280	9	....	9	25	45
Shepardsville	John Klose	550	50	600	530	50	580	20	38	38	8	8	626	21	....	21	70	90
Sickles and Ashley	I. H. Skinner	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	35	35	10	5	540	30	....	30	112	85
Vermontville	J. P. Durham	700	50	750	700	50	750	.....	53	53	11	10	813	18	....	18	148	62
Winfield	J. E. Messner	500	40	540	500	40	540	.....	31	31	9	4	575	12	....	12	110	37
Totals	.....	$21606	$2335	$23941	$21467	$2335	[$23804	$204	$1666	$1665	$333	$184	$25618	$992	....	$992	$6925	$2293

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4—LANSING DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Membership.				Bapt.		S. Schools.			Church Property.						Benevolent Collections.														
																Missions.							Education.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Resdnc.
Alma	19	201	2	2	4	5	1	26	230	1	$ 9000	1	$ 400	$1200	.....	$3500	$ 8	$ 2	$10	$ 1	....	..	.....	....	$ 2	....	....	....	15	$ 8	....	..
Bannister	7	128	1	3	....	4	2	32	160	2	2500	1	300	40	145	135	55	5	63	10	2	2	10	9	3	2	50	....	....	32	4	..
Bath	10	122	....	4	....	....	2	32	162	2	3000	1	800	35	.....	.....	35	5	40	4	2	1	5	8	5	1	1	....	....	20	3	2
Breckenridge	20	193	....	2	4	10	3	30	180	3	3600	1	600	425	16	260	15	3	18	3	1	1	3	4	5	1	4	....	4	10	3	..
Charlotte	3	370	....	..	11	4	1	34	350	1	8500	1	1500	.... ..	750	.....	72	53	125	15	2	1	10	15	6	4	45	49	11	70	8	..
Delta	4	185	....	1	2	23	2	28	160	3	5800	1	500	65	..	.....	7	6	13	2	1	1	1	13	....	1	1	2	....	10	2	..
DeWitt	5	150	3	1	....	26	4	32	230	4	7000	1	600	.....	375	1000	55	15	70	15	3	3	10	14	2	2	....	....	7	36	7	..
Eagle	11	80	....	1	....	3	1	13	125	1	2000	1	1000	15	.....	125	30	5	35	2	1	..	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	4	1	..
Eaton Circuit	17	163	1	6	....	2	3	28	150	2	2200	1	450	175	.....	...	25	15	40	6	2	2	5	8	....	3	....	....	....	13	3	2
Eaton Rapids	85	500	2	6	12	165	1	32	283	1	15000	1	3500	75	.....	600	195	34	229	16	5	4	15	21	15	4	97	....	....	90	12	..
Elm Hall	2	113	....	..	1	3	4	36	180	4	3000	..	.....	25	45	12	25	5	30	6	2	1	4	3	7	1	....	....	3	15	2	..
Elsie	3	280	4	1	....	2	1	20	200	1	4000	1	1500	150	.....	.....	34	6	40	1	1	1	1	10	4	1	39	....	2	32	5	..
Grand Ledge	32	121	1	2	....	9	2	28	200	1	5000	1	1750	550	18	65	21	4	25	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	14	....	....	15	2	..
Gresham	4	120	....	1	....	3	4	30	160	1	5000	1	800	....	.....	.....	42	8	50	2	1	1	2	8	3	1	....	....	....	20	1	..
Ithaca	5	360	...	2	4	26	2	35	340	2	7000	1	1000	503	15	60	82	30	112	10	2	2	9	18	9	2	66	63	7	25	7	..
Lafayette	11	51	....	3	....	13	2	12	75	1	400	..	.....	430	....	.....	6	....	6	....	....	..	.....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Lansing—Central	94	788	1	8	26	52	1	47	612	1	50000	1	5000	274	.....	7000	450	84	534	80	6	6	50	50	11	7	133	138	440	142	35	18
" First Church	5	212	....	2	2	2	1	22	133	1	5500	1	1200	143	.....	.....	90	10	100	3	1	1	3	5	4	1	30	24	....	40	2	3
Maple Rapids & Gr'nbush	58	280	1	2	3	58	3	36	243	2	4000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	64	16	80	12	1	1	10	10	6	1	56	....	....	35	5	..
Mason	10	325	....	..	1	7	1	25	252	1	6000	1	1000	.....	.....	575	125	50	175	20	3	3	14	28	8	4	54	83	12	51	7	7
Okemos and Holt	7	150	2	2	....	2	3	40	220	2	3500	1	400	115	.....	.....	37	3	40	6	1	1	4	8	3	1	30	....	8	12	2	10
Ovid	2	375	1	1	....	5	1	32	300	1	16000	1	2000	.....	110	2000	200	50	250	33	5	2	26	38	6	5	88	22	....	91	22	..
Perrinton	7	170	....	1	12	7	5	62	360	4	6800	1	1000	50	50	230	50	30	80	5	1	1	4	3	1	1	9	....	14	15	2	..
Potterville	48	134	....	1	4	3	2	25	177	2	5500	1	1000	56	.....	.....	30	30	60	5	1	1	5	7	2	2	....	....	65	20	4	3
St. Johns	24	376	1	4	30	30	1	28	350	1	22500	1	2250	300	3500	5000	75	47	122	28	6	6	18	24	5	4	21	28	....	61	14	..
St. Louis	17	272	....	2	5	19	1	17	170	1	3200	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	9	50	6	1	2	12	20	4	1	33	....	5	26	2	..
Sethton	7	66	....	1	....	7	4	43	175	1	1000	..	.....	10	50	50	24	....	24	....	....	..	.....	4	....	....	....	....	12	9	2	..
Shepardsville	2	140	....	2	....	2	3	28	140	2	3250	1	800	.....	40	.....	42	18	60	10	2	2	18	....	3	2	93	11	14	21	3	8
Sickles and Ashley	25	146	2	4	....	28	2	23	105	3	4901	..	....	129	.....	225	20	10	30	8	2	1	6	6	3	2	1	1	....	30	5	5
Vermontville	20	164	....	3	....	9	2	30	173	2	5000	1	1000	52	45	66	12	13	25	1	1	1	1	10	3	1	24	1	9	18	10	..
Winfield	20	164	2	1	....	4	3	27	130	3	4500	1	800	96	6	.....	21	9	30	5	1	1	4	4	3	1	29	....	2	12	4	..
Totals	584	6899	24	69	121	533	68	933	6745	59	$224651	26	$32050	$4913	$5165	$20903	$1991	$575	$2566	$318	$58	$50	$254	$354	$126	$58	$979	3422	$630	$983	$1 4	1

General Conference Expenses—Eaton Rapids. $6.00

STATISTICS NO. 3.—NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total: Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Bangor and Breedsville	I. T. Weldon	$500	$100	$600	$480	$100	$580	$20	$47	$43	5	$1	$624	$10	....	$10	$100	$60
Benton Harbor	W. P. French	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	.....	120	120	21	5	1725	75	....	75	280	150
Berrien Springs	A. N. Eldred	600	100	700	580	100	680	20	53	44	.....	6	730	30	....	30	140	92
Buchanan	W. W. Divine	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	.....	50	.....	4	904	22	....	22	150	110
Cassopolis	I. H. Riddick	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	56	56	8	4	910	10	....	10	150	100
Coloma and Watervliet	A. J. Wheeler	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	66	64	13	5	794	20	....	20	150	120
Decatur	W. H. Moore	600	84	684	600	84	684	.....	46	36	3	1	721	30	....	30	40	47
Dowagiac	G. A. Buell	935	120	1055	935	120	1055	.....	80	80	15	5	1140	45	....	45	200	100
Eau Claire	C. P. Birdsey	500	36	536	460	.....	460	76	49	45	9	4	509	17	....	17	75	80
Edwardsburg	E. F. Newell	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	54	54	9	6	760	30	....	30	125	40
Galien	S. I. Horr	400	.....	400	357	.....	357	43	35	21	5	2	380	10	....	10	35	50
Hartford	H. L. Potter	514	66	580	514	66	580	.....	37	37	.....	2	619	15	....	15	100	50
Keeler and Silver Creek	Willard Deal	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	37	37	5	4	541	18	....	18	85	30
Lawrence	C. L. Keene	400	.....	400	375	.....	375	25	32	32	.....	.....	407	5	....	5	50	40
Lawton	A. S. Williams	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	55	55	8	4	784	20	....	20	160	41
Marcellus	G. W. Gosling	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	59	59	10	5	764	25	....	25	140	57
Mattawan	J. H. Emmons	500	50	550	450	50	500	50	44	44	6	2	546	10	....	10	80	41
Niles	L. Grosenbaugh	1000	200	1200	1010	200	1210	.....	105	105	15	12	1327	40		40	217	75
Paw Paw	F. W. Corbett	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	49	49	.....	3	777	20	....	20	183	55
Pokagon	W. J. Douglass	650	50	700	650	50	700	.....	65	65	9	5	770	28	....	28	85	77
St. Joseph	James Hamilton	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	100	100	18	18	1518	84	....	84	350	124
Stevensville	C. F. Brown	500	50	550	470	50	520	30	47	47	9	2	569	15	....	15	110	105
Three Oaks	G. F. Craig	625	.....	625	560	.....	560	65	58	58	10	10	628	25	....	25	.....	55
Vandalia	J. N. Dayton	550	60	610	360	60	420	190	46	22	8	1	443	10	....	10	120	50
Totals	.....	$15674	$2291	$17965	$15201	$2255	$17456	$519	$1340	$1323	$186	$111	$18890	$604	...	$604	$3125	$1749

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4—NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of Charge.	Membership.				Bapt.		S. Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Resdnc.
Bangor and Breedsville	6	126	....	2	....	....	2	20	150	2	$ 3200	1	$ 700	.....	.....	$ 27	$ 40	$ 8	$ 48	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$ 3	$ 3	$ 4	$1	....	....	....	$ 10	$2	..
Benton Harbor	30	375	1	5	6	4	1	37	363	1	20000	1	3500	400	300	2500	50	100	150	10	2	2	10	25	5	2	93	50	....	75	5	..
Berrien Springs	11	154	....	2	....	5	3	36	224	2	3500	1	1000	.....		150	62	13	75	10	1	1	9	3	....	1	....	....	....	30	6	..
Buchanan	8	225	1	5	2	7	1	36	230	1	3000	1	1500	50	.....	200	40	20	60	10	1	1	7	4	6	1	65	....	....	22	4	..
Cassopolis	15	151	1	1	4	5	2	25	150	2	6000	2	2000	100	.....	.....	60	10	70	8	1	1	2	4	4	1	27	2	8	10	4	..
Coloma and Watervliet	33	242	4	2	1	20	4	36	375	3	5000	1	1200	....	250	150	50	5	55	10	2	2	5	8	5	2	....	....	....	20	5	2
Decatur	3	145	....	1	....	4	3	29	220	2	5500	1	1000	480	58	70	15	....	15	2	....	..	.....	1	1	1	....	....	1	8	1	..
Dowagiac	6	246	....	3	....	3	1	23	200	1	3000	..	....	400	1100	75	75	50	125	10	2	2	9	10	5	2	74	....	10	45	5	..
Eau Claire	5	135	1	..	....	9	4	42	260	4	4000	1	400	.....	195	375	34	8	42	5	1	1	5	8	2	1	....	....	....	17	4	..
Edwardsburg	2	150	....	2	....	....	2	35	140	2	8000	1	1200	.....	730	150	35	....	35	5	1	1	5	3	2	1	....	....	....	30	6	5
Galien	10	96	2	3	1	14	3	35	225	3	3800	..	.....	.....	....	180	10	....	10	2	1	..	.....	2	....	1	....	....	....	10	2	..
Hartford	5	77	....	1	1	2	1	12	110	1	2500	..	.....	275	...	15	9	36	45	2	2	1	3	6	2	1	....	....	....	15	2	..
Keeler and Silver Creek	22	126	....	4	....	41	3	35	250	3	5500	1	650	15	.....	.....	37	1	38	7	1	2	5	6	2	1	1	1	....	18	4	4
Lawrence	13	104	1	1	....	7	2	28	160	1	3500	..	.....	700	.....	.....	10	....	10	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	....	....	....	5	....	..
Lawton	6	150	1	1	....	5	1	19	135	1	2000	1	500	35	.....	.....	45	5	50	5	1	1	5	5	3	1	....	....	....	20	4	5
Marcellus	36	190	1	2	6	32	3	39	257	3	5000	1	1200	205	100	150	47	5	52	4	1	1	3	5	9	2	19	....	3	25	5	..
Mattawan	3	104	....	2	3	3	3	35	149	3	4700	1	450	30	.....	.....	12	3	15	2	1	1	2	5	6	1	3	....	....	10	2	2
Niles	18	243	1	5	14	9	1	42	417	1	10000	1	1500	300	.....	1550	23	137	160	14	3	3	12	10	5	2	106	30	....	40	12	..
Paw Paw	5	115	....	3	7	2	1	19	134	1	6000	1	1000	43	70	200	30	....	30	5	1	1	4	....	5	2	23	....	....	20	3	..
Pokagon	8	160	1	1	....	1	4	41	212	5	5400	1	350	20	.....	.....	49	1	50	6	1	1	4	3	2	1	18	17	....	28	5	..
St. Joseph	4	205	1	..	4	4	1	30	300	1	12000	1	2500	150	.....	.....	102	75	177	35	7	7	25	20	6	6	112	....	35	84	18	17
Stevensville	35	177	1	..	....	1	3	38	370	3	4500	1	600	80	14	181	28	....	28	4	1	1	3	1	5	1	1	....	....	15	2	1
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Vandalia	10	140	....	1	....	1	3	30	150	6	7000	1	600	10	50	330	6	2	8	2	....	..	.....	....	2	1	2	....	....	10	1	..
Totals	298	4011	19	49	49	186	56	750	5356	56	$138800	21	$22150	$3405	$2867	$6283	$919	$479	$1398	$166	$34	$34	$94	$137	$84	$35	$544	$100	$57	$592	$111	36

STATISTICS NO. 3—RECAPITULATION, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of District.	Name of Presiding Elder.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Appor.	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total: Pastors, P. E. and B.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Collections.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Other Sources.	Conf. Clmts. Recd. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Albion	John Graham	$20768	$1700	$22468	$20833	1700	$22533	$278	$1496	$1484	$244	$159	$24176	$937	$30	$967	$5703	$2142
Big Rapids	L. E. Lemox	21944	3008	24952	20114	3008	23122	1972	1871	1788	205	132	25042	715	6	721	3969	2580
Coldwater	R. W. VanSchoick	18015	2430	20445	17464	2380	19844	724	1557	1557	235	130	21531	710	....	710	4154	1786
Grand Rapids	W. I. Cogshall	27267	3138	30405	25573	3138	28711	2097	2019	1856	222	183	30750	968	183	1151	7455	2083
Grand Traverse	E. L. Kellogg	16768	2072	18840	15811	2072	17883	1074	1173	1101	57	62	19046	362	5	367	2927	1726
Ionia	J. I. Buell	19289	1781	21070	18467	1736	20203	894	1534	1411	191	136	21750	554	....	554	4134	1633
Kalamazoo	Levi Master	199 6	2031	22017	19286	2018	21304	1131	1858	1694	279	131	23129	710	....	710	5195	1845
Lansing	W. W. Puffer	21606	2335	23941	21434	2335	23769	204	1666	1655	333	184	25618	992	....	992	6025	2298
Niles	J. W. H. Carlisle	15674	2291	17965	15201	2255	17456	519	1340	1323	186	111	18890	604	....	604	3125	1749
	Totals	181317	20786	202103	174183	20642	194825	8893	14514	13879	1952	1228	209932	6545	224	6776	43587	17842
	Last Year	183064	21685	193379	165391	21507	186898	15181	14365	13599	1793	1088	201585	6419	251	6670	42770	18099
	Increase	.....	.....	.....	8792	.....	7927	.....	149	280	159	140	8347	126	....	106	817	.....
	Decrease	1747	899	2646	.....	865	.....	6288	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	27	.....	.....	257

STATICTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—RECAPITULATION, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1897.

Name of District.	Membership. No. of Probationers.	Membership. No. of Full Members.	Membership. No. of Local Preachers.	Membership. No. of Deaths.	Bapt. No. of Children.	Bapt. No. of Adults.	S. Schools. No. of Schools.	S. Schools. No. of Officers and Teachers.	S. Schools. No. of Scholars.	Church Property. No. of Churches.	Church Property. Probable Value.	Church Property. No. of Parsonages.	Church Property. Probable Value.	Church Property. Pd. for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Church Property. Pd. on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Church Property. Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Church.	Missions. Sunday School.	Missions. Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Education. Public Educational	Education. Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Socy.	Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Total other Benevolent Collectns.	Gen. Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Bishop's Resdnc.
Albion	344	6005	26	84	116	285	58	893	6073	40	$224975	18	$ 19950	$ 4400	$ 504	$ 8380	$2047	$ 676	$2723	$ 175	$ 51	$39	$336	$ 712	$104	$ 43	$999	$481	$ 70	....	$969	$159	$10
Big Rapids	979	5642	42	71	261	488	108	1055	8000	79	162025	41	29175	4609	4098	14637	1013	396	1409	221	51	51	184	227	121	46	727	194	581	$1	718	132	61
Coldwater	392	5058	24	68	48	217	58	794	5063	48	156900	24	24200	3697	4174	6503	1636	406	2042	142	35	32	115	153	103	35	1312	784	76	....	710	130	27
Grand Rapids	549	6490	25	73	156	272	84	959	7140	71	255500	35	40240	9889	3889	18857	1863	752	2615	227	49	51	163	219	114	54	1440	662	451	5	1151	183	11
Grand Traverse	793	4331	35	59	147	276	84	856	5401	68	89214	32	20100	5005	869	11162	822	157	979	134	30	29	101	135	104	36	343	303	107	1	367	62	14
Ionia	621	5350	18	61	49	354	71	886	6097	69	164500	26	19600	2505	3765	5010	940	386	1326	159	32	31	129	127	115	33	464	351	831	....	579	136	44
Kalamazoo	306	5276	11	80	67	194	63	836	5679	53	200900	30	26800	3804	3439	8955	1500	409	1909	228	41	37	192	256	125	39	825	632	231	1	710	135	46
Lansing	584	6899	24	69	121	533	68	933	6745	59	224651	26	32050	4913	5165	20903	1991	575	2566	318	58	50	254	354	126	58	979	422	630	6	983	184	64
Niles	298	4011	19	49	49	186	56	750	5356	56	138800	21	22150	3405	2867	6283	919	479	1398	166	34	34	94	137	84	35	544	100	57	....	592	111	36
Totals	4866	49061	224	614	1014	2805	650	7962	55634	543	$1617365	253	$234265	$42227	$28770	$100690	$12731	$4236	$16967	$1770	$381	$354	$1568	$2320	$ 996	$379	$7633	$3929	$3034	$ 14	$6782	$1232	313
Last Year	5052	17594	229	633	977	3267	651	8537	54106	531	1588550	243	227785	99839	30509	93248	12043	4217	16260	1595	349	309	1189	3185	1002	343	6732	3828	4674	121	6670	1088	...
Increase	....	1467	....	...	37	....	...	....	1528	12	$28815	10	$6480	....	....	....	$688	$19	$507	$175	$32	$45	$379	....	....	$36	$901	$101	....	....	$112	$149	...
Decrease	186	....	5	19	....	462	1	555	....	....	....	....	....	$57612	$1739	$7442	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	865	$6	....	....	....	$1640	$107	....	....	...

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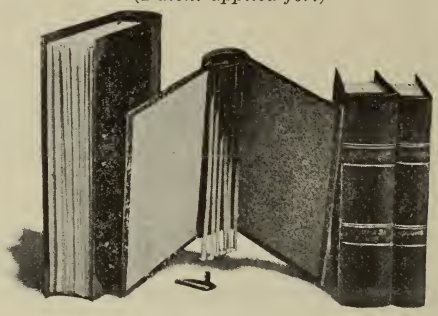

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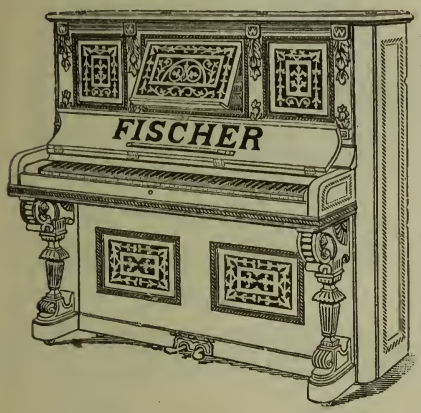

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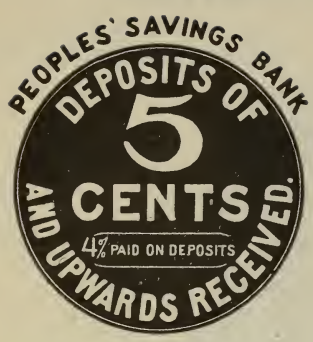

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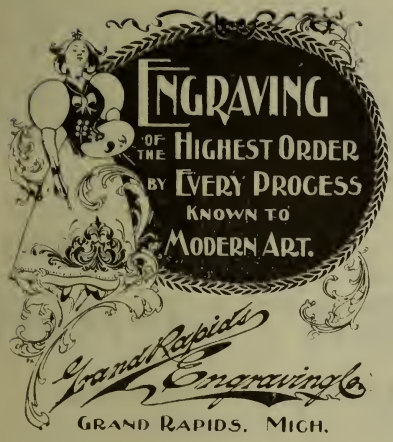

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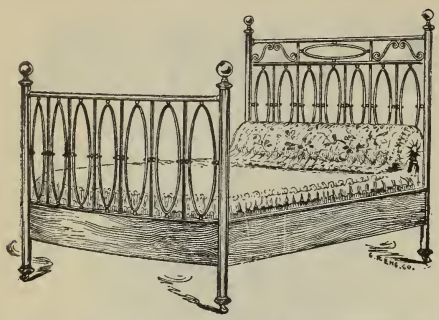

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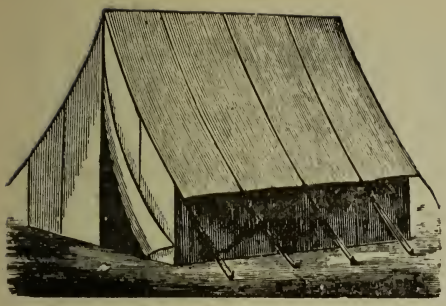

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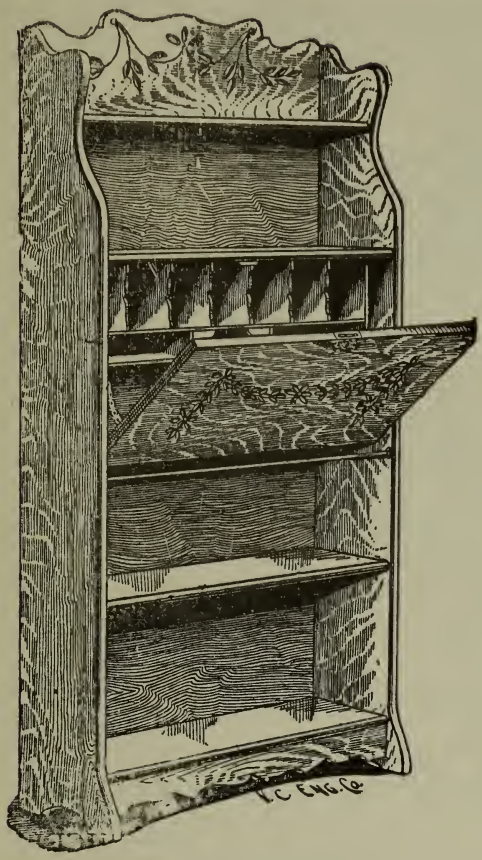

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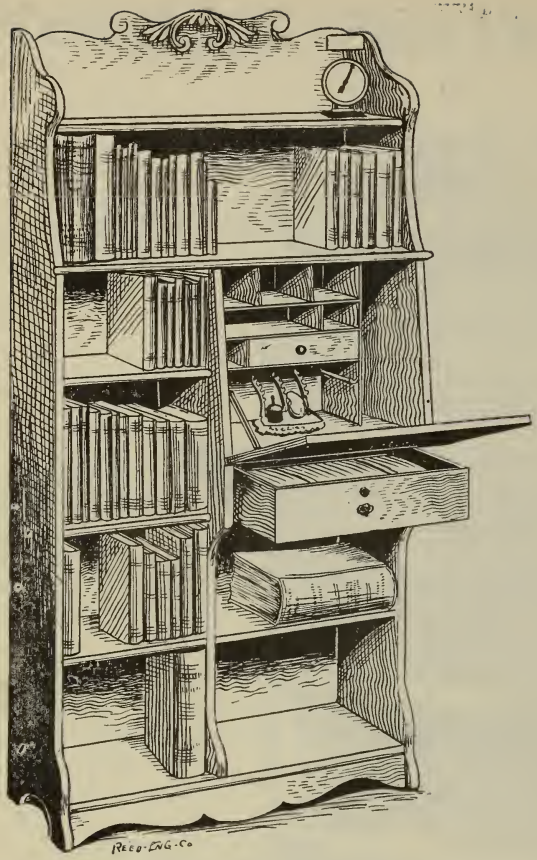

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